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Labour predicts increase to 22%

to soft Major pledges Tories will not raise VAT

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major gave an untive government would not raise the rate of valueadded tax.

His unexpectedly precise declaration in the Com-mons swiftly countered a Labour campaign alleging that the Tories planned to raise VAT from 17.5 to 22 per cent if returned to office. But it also limited the options for any future Conservative chancellor.

Downing Street confirmed later that the prime minister's commitment had been deliberate and that it extended to using Britain's veto should the European Community attempt to impose higher rates.

Mr Major's pledge came during question time, shortly after Labour launched a nationwide poster campaign depicting Norman Lamont as "Varman" in cloak and pointed ears alongside the slogan

Yeltsin in sight again

Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, reappeared yes-terday in the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk after disappearing from view in Moscow on Monday. He is due in London tomorrow before flying to the UN.

the Black Sea fleet, the subject of a dispute be-tween Russia and Ukraine, was connected with preparations for the UN ____ Page 8

Tax loophole move delayed

The government last night refused to take immediate action to close a loophole threatening to stop councils taking poli tax defaulters to court...... Page 2

Woman guilty Aileen Wuomos, nick-named the "damsel of

death," could be executed in the electric chair after being found guilty of murdering one of seven men she has confessed to killing

Road award

A road accident victim was yesterday awarded more than £220,000 damages after a revolutionary back pain "lie detector" was used for the first time in a British court. The judge said it did not influence hisPage 3 decision...

School reform

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, yesterday promised to extend his teacher training reforms to include all new entrants to the profession Page 5.

Boycott at bay

Geoffrey Boycott, coaching the England cricket team in New Zealand, has been criticised for accusing lan Botham of being unprofes-

Births, marriages GOVERNOR Bill Clinton yesterday turned on the media for its trash for turned on the media for its "trash for cash mentality" after a tearful Gennifer Flowers appeared at a New York press conference to support her claims of having been the Democratic frontrunner's lover for more than 12 years.

Vowing to forge ahead with his campaign for the White House, a defiant Mr Cliston chose the city of the Alamo to __22-26 Pages in Life & Times section



"Vote Conservative and you will pay 22 per cent VAT". John Smith, the shadow chanceller, had told a campaign press conference: Whenever Conservatives need extra revenue they turn to their favourite tax. The

Tory pledge is to cut income tax to 20 per cent. If they do
so, they either have to slash
spending on public services
or put up VAT once again to
22 per cent." In the Commons, Mr Kinnock joined the attack and demanded to know the gov-

tax, pointing out that Conservative governments had raised it five times in 13 years and predicting that they would do so again. At first, Mr Major contented himself with the standard reply — used regularly by his Chancellor — that the government had "no plans" to increase

Labour clearly expected him to stick to that formula. Mr Smith had told the earlier press conference that it was the Tory practice to deny intentions of a VAT increase before elections but to raise it afterwards. Sir Geoffrey Howe had said there were "no plans" for an increase only weeks before he raised the rate from 8 to 15 per cent in 1979.

But when Mr Kinnock sugested in the Commons that the prime minister was following his predecessors' practice, Mr Major was specific. Calling Mr Kinnock's claims a "fib", he declared: "There like the Labour party, we have published our spending plans and there is no need for us to raise VAT in order to meet them." The prime minister went on to say that before the last election, Roy Hattersley had predicted that the Tory would raise VAT to 60 per cent and forecast a Labour landslide. "He was wrong on both points and he is wrong

now," Mr Major added. Conservative MPs were delighted, but opposition MPs believed that Mr Major may have been stung into a com-

A FURTHER 73,000 manu-

facturing workers are expect-

ed to lose jobs in the first quarter of this year, the Con-

federation of British Industry

The confederation's econo-

mists estimated that 65,000

manufacturing jobs were lost

in the final quarter of 1991,

bringing to 300,000 the

number of manufacturing

workers who lost their jobs

during the year.
The forecast accompanied

a bleak quarterly industrial

trends survey by the confeder-

ation, which reduced hopes of

an early economic recovery.

As if to underline the point

the confederation was mak-

ing National Power, the big-

ger of the two privatised electricity generating com-panies, said about 9,000

workers at 35 power stations

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Clinton chose the city of the Alamo to

make his spirited counter-attack, hop-

ing that it would not prove to be his last stand. He challenged the national media to drop the story. He had taken his own character test, he said; now the

media had to face one. An overnight poli

for ABC television showed that 80 per

cent of Americans agreed, saying he should not withdraw from the presiden-

tial race. Only 10 per cent said his conduct would change their votes.

warned members yesterday.

ernment might regret. phere was heightened later when Michael Howard, the employment secretary, chose ment reaffirming the government's plans for more industrial relations legislation in the next parliament.

In what opposition MPs saw as a blatantly political manipulation of the Commons agenda, Mr Howard announced a series of measures to reduce "the abuse of industrial power". Clearly designed to point up the differences between the parties on trades union issues, Mr Howard's package included the right for employees to join the union of their choice, compulsory seven-day warnings of strikes in public services, the right for members of the public to go to court to halt unlawful industrial action in public services and a ban on workplace strike ballots.

Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, complained: "These proposals are not here today for the sake of better industrial relations, but for the sake of the worst prejudices of the Tory party.

Mr Howard, who has already been cautioned by the the Speaker for electioneer-ing, said a Labour government would roll back the legislation of the past 12 years and "put the trade unions back in the driving seat and make strikes easier, longer, more frequent and more damaging than ever

Mr Blair retorted that there were scores of rights in the package to be exercised against trades unions, but not one to increase people's rights to fair treatment by their employers. He accused the government of returning to the agenda of the 1970s because they had no answer to the problems of the 1990s.

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had been told of large-scale

Sir Brian Corby, the con-

federation president, ac-

knowledged that it had been

over-optimistic in seeking

positive signs from earlier surveys. "We clearly expected

things to be looking rather

better now than they are."

He called for measures in the

Budget to encourage com-

The gloomy results from

the survey, the last detailed

assessment of the state of

manufacturing from the fed-eration before the election,

provide scant comfort for the

government. Last year Nor-

man Lamont, the Chancellor

of the Exchequer, had placed

Confidence loss, page 15 Mortgage drop, page 17

Beneath a dark and foreboding sky, but looking looking confident and reso-

lute, the Arkansas governor said that he

had said all he was going to say about the allegations, and now he was "going back to my campaign and what I believe in". He would let the American people

be the arbiters of his personal conduct.

There's no end to the people who will

say anything if the money is right," he said, referring to Ms Flowers's revela-

tions in the gossip magazine, the Star. The Clinton camp had hoped that his

candid appearance with his wife, Hilla-

ry, on prime-time news on Sunday night

raising breakfast here that normally

would have attracted no more than a

couple of local reporters. Mr Clinton

more faith in such studies.

job cuts being planned.

CBI casts gloom

on early recovery

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

Bush's key speech hit by tax hitch

FROM PETER STOTHARD IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush was last night preparing to deliver one of the most crucial speeches of his political career - the State of the Union address which also launches his reelection campaign. Dubbed 'Operation Domestic Storm", the speech is believed to centre on economic issues.

But hopes for a smooth run-up to this key occasion were upset by an inter-Republican row over health-care taxes, which could mean a divisive debate within the party. Presses printing the budget had to be stopped after conservative Republicans objected to a new tax plan for the health-care benefits of top salaried workers.

With the latest polls showing only 43 per cent approval for Mr Bush, and only 19 per cent believing that Republicans would produce a comprehensive health service, the argument came at the worst possible moment. The speech was expected to contain a mixture of policies designed to stimulate the economy, including tax credits for new home buyers and an end to the so-called luxury tax on vachts and cars.

There is also more spending proposed for pre-school education, and on food programmes for poor children.

President's prose, page 10 Letters, page 11

Palestinians' boycott leaves peace talks close to collapse

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Moscow round of the Middle East peace confer-ence, already close to failure, threatened to collapse entirely vesterday when the Palestinian delegation refused to take part after an argument with Israel about the composition of the Palestinian team.

Jinna Sabiaga and her son Daniel after arriving at Heathrow yesterday

Other Arab delegations, including Saudi Arabia, held talks with Israel, but David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, accused the Palestinians of trying to "sneak the PLO" into the talks by insisting on the inclusion of exiled Palestinians. He said Israel would walk out today if Palestinians from the diaspora entered the talks, "The peace process is a structure," Mr Levy said. "If you pull out one brick, it will

The Palestinian delegation stayed away after all-night talks had failed to resolve a dispute about its composition and the conference board, which had said that a joint Palestinian-Jordanian would attend, was hastily removed and replaced with a handwritten sign for the Jordanian

delegates alone. Russian and American cosponsors each aired their displeasure. James Baker, the American Secretary of State, said: "We believe the Palestinians are making a mistake by not taking advantage of this opportunity." He indicated, however, that Washington was sympathetic to the inclusion of Palestinian exiles.

American representatives were working hard behind duce an acceptable compromise that would allow the talks in working groups, which begin today, to go ahead. However, Israel's re-

introduce performance-related pay for 50,000 hospital doctors next year as part of its drive to devolve pay bargaining throughout the national health service.

for treating more patients, cutting waiting lists, working longer hours and meeting national health targets which are to be spelt out in a white paper next month.

The scheme is expected to cover 21,000 consultants and 29,000 junior doctors. GPs will not be included: their pay is already linked to perfor-

Flowers: in tears after

peated demand that there could be no broadening of the

Palestinian delegation made The Palestinians had earlier insisted that all, or none, of the delegates who had come Moscow should take part in the opening session. Their decision, in apparent contravention of the terms Continued on page 14, col 4

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The new Life &

Peer's son

arrives

to claim

his title

By LIN JENKINS

THE woman accepted by the family as the widow of Lord Moynihan of Leeds yesterday

accused a fellow Filipina who claims that her son is the peer's true heir of "trying to

Jinna Sabiaga, aged 26, flew into Britain from the

Philippines with her year-old

son Daniel, who has been

acknowledged as the heir by the executor of the will and

As they arrived, Editha Ru-

ben, who seeks the title, and

property in London, Spain

and the Philippines, on be-half of her son Andrew, aged

312, took her claim to magis-

trates in Manila. She claims

the wayward aristocrat had

married two other women

Britain to attend to family

business after the death of

Lord Moynihan in Novem-

ber, said: "The baby does not

really know what is going on, but he seems to like having lot

Before leaving Manila, she

said: "The dream of his

father, and of myself, is to see

our son speaking in the

House of Lords. He must

learn the culture, the tradi-tions of Britain. We have to

educate Daniel to become a

Charles Vance, executor

and uncle to the peer's off-spring, maintains that earlier

marriages were properly end-

ed and that the couple were

married, making Daniel the

proper Englishman.

Daniel's mother, who is in

without divorcing her.

of people round him."

stir up trouble".

trustee of the estate.

Times section today offers expanded coverage of the arts, topical features about women, the media and property.

AT WORK



Elizabeth R, the most ambitious documentary about

the Queen's working life for 23 years, is televised by the BBC. A zestful. witty and selfeffacing monarch emerges

AT PEACE?



Captain JoAnn Conley, separated from her daughter. was the most pictured woman

soldier of the 34,000 in the Gulf war. Many are still living in the shadow of the conflict

AT ODDS



democracy should not allow such built-in bias." **Roy Hattersley** attacks the newspapers that

blatantly support the Tories



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elephants will be shot by Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa for their skins and ivory.

The UK Government may support their plan to allow the sale of the skins on the international market. That means overturning the international ban on trade in elephant products.

Two years ago before the international ban was passed, 100,000 elephants were being killed every year. Poaching has declined dramatically since the ban.

The ban is now in serious danger of being weakened and thousands of elephants

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Hospital doctors' pay to be tied to workload By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT THE government intends to Doctors could earn extra pay

Health department officials have sent a note to the doctors' and dentists' pay review body asking them to consider bonus payments for doctors for clinical excellence and efficient use of resources.

Defiant Clinton embraces spirit of the Alamo talked adamantly about the free trade agreement with Mexico, energy policy

and other Texan issues, but the press returned repeatedly to Ms Flowers. Having campaigned in Louisiana and Mississippi on Monday, Mr Clinton was swinging through Texas yesterday to collect endorsements and raise money in preparation for Super Tuesday, the set of key southern primaries on March 10 where he had been expected to wrap up the Democratic nomination. Whether he will still be in the race by then is a moot point, depending largely on next month's New Hampshire primary, which has become a referendum on his

would put paid to the scandal. But Ms personal behaviour. Flowers's equally public television de-He is a man desperate to return to nunciation of his conduct has dashed politics but caught on the barbed wire of those hopes.
A scrum of television crews and joura story that will not die. The plus side is nalists gathered yesterday at a fund-Continued on page 14. col 2

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Ahern may use Irish budget platform to launch challenge



Ahern: nervous about

to court

to the local government Fi-

nance Bill, announced on

Monday by Michael Hes-

eltine, the environment secre-

that they would have to wait

until mid-March for the am-

endment to come into force

and issued a warning that in

the meantime it would be

impossible to take legal action

against people who refused to

pay the poll tax. Jeremy Bee-

Poll tax

protester

jailed for

contempt

By Kerry Gill

TOMMY Sheridan, leader of

the anti-poil tax federation.

was yesterday jailed for six months for defying a court

order banning him from at-

tending Scotland's first war-

rant sale for a community charge debt in Glasgow.

Sheridan, aged 27, had

ripped up a piece of paper in

front of demonstrators in Oc-

tober, saying that that was

what the authorities could do

with the interdict, the Court

of Session, Scotland's su-

preme civil court, was told

yesterday. Lord Caplan told

him: "In a democratic society

it is the rule of law which

shields it from anarchy and

Lord Caplan said Sheridan

had flouted the court order.

"In a democratic society such

as ours many forms of polit-

ical protest are available but

ignoring court orders and ig-

noring sheriff officers are not

among their number," he

granted to the officers who

were preparing to sell_off

goods belonging to a Port

Glasgow woman to recover

When sentenced, Sheridan,

who ran a long campaign against the tax, gave a thumbs up sign to his sup-porters in the back of the

His mother, Alice Sheri-dan, shouled: "God go with

you. I am proud to be your

mother." Later she said: "All

he did was to tear up a piece

of paper in defence of the

The court was told that two

sheriff officers were trapped

in their van when the sale was

supposed to take place and

the sale had to be cancelled.

About 250 protesters joined

in the melee on October 1. A

policeman told one of the

officers that nobody would be

killed but he could not guar-

antee that nobody would be

Sheridan denied defying

the interdict and said that he

had not shown contempt for

the court. Sheridan, an hon-

ours graduate from Stirling

University, said he attended

the demonstration in a per-

sonal capacity.

Lord Caplan said the sen-

tence would have been longer

if Sheridan had taken part in

any of the violence.

hurt, the court was told.

mob rule."

the debt.

Local authority leaders said

tary, will be sufficient.

By EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

BERTIE Ahern, the unexpected favourite in the race to succeed Charles Haughey as Irish prime minister, will deliver in the Dail today his first and perhaps only

With the turmoil over the leadership of Fianna Fáil as a backdrop, Mr Ahern's supporters believe that the exposure he will get today will provide a perfect launch pad for the challenge for the premiership.

Mr Ahern, aged 40, has yet to declare himself as a candidate. He is also known to be nervous about putting

cords were not admissible as

evidence of non-payment.

More than 100,000 cases are

due to go before the courts

every week between now and

the end of March and coun-

cils fear that the majority will

either be adjourned or

thrown out pending the intro-

duction of the new legal

London last night. Margaret

Hodge, Labour leader of Is-

lington council and vice-

chairman of the Metro-

politan Authorities, said:

has been created by the gov-

ernment and they should be

six weeks of uncertainty and a

question mark has been

raised over the seven and a

half million court orders

which have already been

Lady Elizabeth Anson.

Conservative chairman of the

Association of District Coun-

granted.

acting now to clear it up.

This is an unholy mess that

'Instead we are faced with

provisions.

himself forward because of his relative lack of experience and separation from his

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It is still possible that in spite of pressure on him to run from Haughey loyalists. he will adhere to his original intention and support Albert Reynolds, his predecessor at the finance ministry, who was dismissed after joining a failed attempt to oust Mr Haughey in the autumn.

Mr Ahern and Mr Reynolds will meet tomorrow to discuss the leadership, after a meeting of the Fianna Fáil parliamentary party at which Mr Haughey is ex-pected for the first time to disclose his timetable for

stepping down. The outcome of the meeting will be decisive. If Mr Ahern supports Mr Reynolds then the latter will almost certainly become the next party leader. If he does not, analysts predict a close race between the two with Mr Ahern the likely

Today's budget will be another tight budget as the government continues its drive to reduce huge debt that was built up during the high spending late Seventies and early Eighties. The debt ratio has already been cut back from about 130 per cenr of GNP in 1987 to under 110 per cent now, and the government is aiming to get it down to 100 per cent by next year. However, tight management of the public finances is expected to be offset by a measure of tax reform and tax reductions, something on which the Progressive Democrats, the government's coalition partners, are insisting as part of their

strategy to create jobs. Taxpayers face a complex tiered system with a top rate of 52 per cent, an intermediare rate of 48 per cent and a standard rate of 29 per cent. The higher thresholds are reached quickly and it is possible, for example, for a single person to pay 52 per cent on an annual income as low as £13,000. Mr Ahern is

expected to take steps towards merging the two higher rates by reducing the top rate by 2p or more. He will also cut 2p off the standard rate and offset the effects on the exchequer by reducing or abolishing some corporate and private tax shelters.

At present, I reland has an unemployment rate of 20 per cent, the highest in the EC. The country also has a serious immigration problem and a relatively low standard of living - about equal to Spain at 70 per cent of the average GNP for the EC. However, while public ser-

vices continue to be eroded due to the squeeze on public finances, the outlook is not and research institute in Dublin predicted that growth of 2 per cent last year will show a slight improvement this year to 212 per

 The Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast faced escalating strike action last night after several hundred workers walked out in a dispute over shift work and payments. Talks between management and unions failed to resolve the dispute and the striking outfitters said they would stay out until

> Conor Cruise O'Brien. . page 10

Queen blocks fountain project

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The Queen has blocked plans for a spectacular £2 million fountain in Parliament Square commemorating 40 years of her reign, it was disclosed last night. Her intervention was made because she did not want the public to pay for the celebrations in a time of recession.

The Fountain Society said it had postponed the launch of a fundraising appeal "Her Majesty has asked that there be no major fund-raising in connection with the celebration of the 40th anniversary," it said.

Filming the Queen, L&T.

No prosecution on MP's death

An enquiry into the death in July 1990 of Michael Carr, Labour MP for Bootle, who had a heart attack 15 minutes after being released from hospital, did not find sufficient evidence for a manstaughter prosecution, the Crown Prosecution Service

said yesterday. The Director of Public Prosecutions ordered a police investigation last June into the death after Roy Barter, Merseyside coroner, adjourned the inquest and referred the case to him. The CPS said yesterday that the decision would be reconsidered if any new evidence

Fog causes road mayhem

Widespread and dense freezing fog brought road deaths and injuries for the second day running yesterday. The M62 was closed in Humber accidents injured 19 people.

hurt in a 20-car crash at Harthill on the M8 between Glasgow: and Edinburgh. The eastbound carriageway was closed and a two-mile tailback formed on the westbound carriageway.

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Travel dispute is resolved

Lunn Poly, Britain's bi travel agents, backed down last night in the confronta-tion with rivals Pickfords and agreed to display brochures from seven tour operators which it had earlier banned from its shelves.

Pickfords had threatened legal action against Lunn Poly for refusing to show brochures from companies which had agreed to take a cut in profits to enable Pickfords to offer "double discounts" on thousands of holidays. Lunn Poly argued that it was following normal commercial practice.

Playing safe

Guidelines for safety in playgrounds were launched yesterday by Robert Atkins, the education minister. Play-ground surfaces, equipment, maintenance and siting are covered in recommendations designed for local authorities. In 1989, the last year for which figures were collected. there were 53,000 reported accidents in unsupervised playgrounds. The guidelines emphasise the importance of av-out :

Band Aid ends

Band Aid, the charity set up seven years ago by Bob Geldof, is being wound up, according to his solicitor, John Kennedy of Paddington, west London. The charity put £110 million into emergency and long-term development work, with administration costs accounting for less than two per cent.

Design award

The Broadgate office development in the City of London, designed by Arub Associates, has been chosen as the Building of the Year by the president dent of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Richard MacCormac. The award is given specifically for phases 1-4 of the development, including the central circular piazza, which serves as an icerink in winter and an openair theatre in summer.

Mann on mend

Jack Mann, the former hostage who is recovering from pneumonia in a British miltary hospital in Cyprus, was in top form resterday on his first day without oxygen and hopes to be out of hospital by the end of next week, a family friend said. Mr Mann, aged 77, was admitted on January 12. His wale, Sunnie says. that he is on the road torecovery, adding: "I can't wait to have him back."



Time to go: Terry Waite crosses Lambeth bridge yesterday on his way back to Lambeth Palace

Terry Waite is reunited with his pride and joy

By Jamie Dettmer

Conservative-controlled FREEDOM is an MGB Kensington and Chelsea sports car. Freedom is also. council in west London said last night that it would not being able to drive round the piazza in London's Covent Garden with a tax disc five vears out of date and not be

issue any more poll tax summonses until the law was clared. Anti-coll tax group: said they would raise the evidence issue at every opportunity. Mr Patten's blunt state ment that the government believed it had done enough was greeted with dismay and anger by the local government leaders he met in

you can do pretty much what throughout Mr Waite's

In what Mr Waite called "a rather happy morning after a rather difficult five years", the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy was reunited with his pride and joy", a blue, 1971 stopped by the police. But MGB. The car had been left then if you are Terry Waite, deteriorating in the garage whelmed. When I was in Waite thanked the car club

1,763 days of captivity. But yesterday after a free restoration by the MG Car Club and assorted garages it stood gleaming in Covent Garden.

"It's good to see her again."

years in which I was in isolation. I thought of the things I should have done," he said. "I shouldn't have left the handbrake on." The handbrake had seized.

captivity and particularly the

the commission had found at

least 31 people who had tried

and failed to join the institute

and that, during tests, two

black people claimed that

doormen had made racially

derogatory remarks to them.

licitors refused to comment

on the case. It faces a legal bill

Yesterday the institute's so-

paign's "Freedom is an MGB" T-shirt, Mr Waite vocational training work with young people in Lebanon. Slip-ups

the MGB to start a fund-

raising project for Y Care, the

YMCA's world development

charity. Wearing the cam-

found on ferries

BY SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ACTION by the transport department was demanded yesterday after the discovery of safety defects on passenger ferries and ships during a series of spot checks.

Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office, criticised delays in introducing safety improvements recommended by enquiries into the Herald of Free Enterprise and Marchioness disasters. After spot checks made be-tween 1989 and 1991 by audit office officials, Sir John said that the defects "could in practice have had a serious impact on the survivability of passengers in the event of an

In 28 inspections, officials found a lack of lifejackets at muster stations and that on one British vessel nobody on the bridge was watching the monitor showing the state of bow doors on a crossing. The inspectors also discovered senous inadequacies in the ability of crews on two vessels to operate lifeboats.

Clubs to be monitored for race bias

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of working men's clubs are to have their membership monitored by race equality units as part of a drive to persaude them to open their doors to more black people.

Clubs in areas where a large number of ethnic minorities live are expected to be targeted after the Birmingham county court ruling which found an allwhite working men's dub guilty of indirect racial discrimination by insisting that new members be proposed and seconded by existing

can effectively act as a colour

bar. The Birmingham club's

admission policy is similar to one laid down for the 3,500

affiliated clubs of The Work-

ing Men's Clubs and Insti-

tute Union (CIU). Jack

cils, said: "At the very least we members. The Home Office said yesthink the government should backdate the operation of the terday that, although many new amendment until midclubs acted within the condinight tonight to send a clear tions of the 1964 Licensing signal that it is serious about Act, the operation of their helping us collect the commurules contravened the 1976 nity charge." Race Relations Act, which She said councils remained outlawed direct and indirect concerned that liability ordiscrimination. Members of ders already granted would race relations organisation be opened to challenge alclaim that admission rules

would not be. The Home Office refused to comment. "The points they raised were deemed to be matters for the environment

though Mr Patten had said

that his advisors thought they

Johnson, general secretary of the union, said that the rules were designed to protect the nature and character of a club and to give existing members a say in who should be accepted for membership. He said that the union would not condone any club using the rules to distinguish between people on grounds of colour.

Peter Oteng, a social policy officer with the Commission

for Racial Equality, said: "We want clubs to examine their existing membership and then examine their catchment areas. If it is a multiracial area and the members of the dub are all white, we

will suggest that the club reexamine its admissions poli-Mr Oteng said that in car-

of up to £15,000 and must rying out its investigation of allow the commission to exthe Handsworth Horticulturamine its admission for the al Institute in Birmingham,

Minstrels show a whiter side

By David Young

billed as "The Magic Of the ed to black up or be billed as

THE FAMOUS Black and White Minstrels have adopted a guise more in harmony with the racially sensitive times. A council's race relations policy has led to their metamorphosis as the White and White Minstrels. The stars were told they

could not black up their faces or give themselves the usual billing. The show at Rotherham Civic Theatre, South Yorkshire, starring three of the original line-up and running until tonight, has been

Minstrels". The decision by the Labour-controlled council left theatre-goers puzzled and dis-appointed. "How can you have the white and white minstrel show? The performers were marvellous, but it spoiled the magic," one of the

audience said yesterday. Jeremy Blundell, the council's principal arts officer, said yesterday: "Realising the sensitive nature of race relations we asked them if they intend-

ed back. There was a court

order that the father surren-

der it to his solicitor, and the

father had not been released

Mr Evans said that he had

obtained a court order that

the child be returned imm-

ediately to United Kingdom

from that undertaking."

jurisdiction.

the Black and White Minstrels. They told us that it was not necessary to black up their faces and that the show would be advertised as The Magic of the Minstrels' and we were happy with that."

Peter Foot, the show's agent and producer, said: "We have been touring the show for 12 years and we have never had any complaints. I cannot recall anyone ever asking us not to black up before."

Child abducted after lawyer gave passport to father BY FRANCES GIBB. LEGAL CORRESPONDENT



The mother: Penny Cracknell, with her baby. Alexander. She had always feared abduction A SOLICITOR has been ordered before a judge todayto explain why she surrended a passport to an estranged father in breach of

and take him to Yugoslavia. father. Ivo Zaharievski, a Yugoslav surgeon. seized the child. Alexander, during an access visit last week.

a court order, enabling him

to abduct his year-old son

His solicitor. Marlene Mortimore-Jones, based in Widnes. Cheshire. returned the passport at his request, despite a court order that he could visit the child only if he surrendered his passport.

Mortimore-Jones was ordered to come to court to explain why she released the passport. A colleague of Dr Cracknell, Dr Robert The mother, Dr Penelope Barnett, said that the abduc-Cracknell, from Liverpool. flew immediately to Yugoslation had "realised the mother's worst nightmare". She via to try to find the child. had always feared abduc-Mrs Monimore-Jones was

not available for comment

yesterday. Stephen Evans, a court order on the passport legal executive with a Liverhad been made. pool firm, acting for Dr Cracknell, said: "I can think Dr Cracknell was separated from Mr Zaharievski five of no reason why the passport should have been hand-

Mrs

months ago. The court order allowing access was varied in December to allow one whole day and one half day access. Today Dr Cracknell, who flew to Yugoslavia with her father, the Rev Kenneth Cracknell, is due to meet the Macedonia justice minister.

Yugoslavia is a recent signatory to the Hague Convention on child abduction under which countries cooperate to secure the return of abducted children, but cannot yet operate the

The Lord Chancellor's department, the UK's central administration for child abductions, said they had puttion, and that was why the Dr Cracknell in touch with



took son to Yugoslavia an English-speaking lawyer. The aim, when the child is found, is to come to some voluntary agreement.? a spokesman said. "But if not, she will have to make an application to the courts for the child to be returned

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Oxford tackles

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

tourist

dilemma

FEARS that tourism in Oxford is becoming unmanageable have prompted a study which calls for a co-ordinated policy on how to deal with the millions who have turned the city of dreaming spires into one of teeming tourists.

The survey, commissioned by the Thames & Chiltern tourist board. Oxford city council and its chamber of commerce, shows that the city is the third most popular overnight stop after London and Edinburgh. "Visitors are becoming more and more visible and a policy must be worked out on how to ap-proach them," Clive Matthews, development services manager of the tourist board,

Tourism directly supports more than 3,000 jobs in Oxford, but has generated tensions in the community. The university has been beset by vast touring parties invading its quads and noisy open-top buses relaying the history of the town to customers through loudspeakers. Anthony Smith, president of Magdalen College, said that Oxford was falling victim to an unthinking tourist culture. "I object to the way that people are invited to consume institutions such as Oxford

them." he said. Michael Campbell-Lamerton, bursar of Balliol College, said: "There has been a fearful increase in the number of visitors and it isn't confined to the summer months now. Tourists today seem less respectful, and they wander into seminar rooms. chapel during services, and hall during meal times."

rather than understand

Mr Matthews said: "We've met bursars and some of them say that their colleges are academic establishments and not for visitors. But if we can identify those colleges that want to let tourists in. such as Christ Church, we can steer visitors away from those that don't want them."

Greater access to "park and ride" facilities and tourist information would reduce congestion in the city centre and please colleges alarmed by the growth of the tourist trade, he said. Banning traffic from the

Composer takes new dig at Webber

BY SIMON TAIT

MALCOLM Williamson, the Master of the Queen's Musick, has again anacked Andrew Lloyd Webber's work, referring to it as "absolutely fatuous"

Last week it was suggested that instead of music by the official royal composer, work by the creator of Cats and The Phantom of the Opera had been chosen for a pageant, at Earls Court in October, to mark the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession, and Mr Williamson said: "Lloyd Webber's music is everywhere, but so is Aids.

The event's organiser denied inviting or snubbing either composer, but in a discussion on BBC2's Behind



Williamson: critical of Cats writer's work

the Headlines, to be broadcast today. Mr Williamson takes the onslaught further. this time including the sovereign herself.

Mr Williamson describes the Queen as a discerning music lover and suggests that listening to the Lloyd Webber music will leave her mind free to contemplate the next day's schedule. "She will offer a silent prayer to God that she very considerable intellect to concentrating too hard on something absolutely fatuous," he says.

Mr Williamson also says Mr Lloyd Webber's music is "extremely poor melodically. and harmonically is extremely crude", and adds: "He fails to touch emotion, and he has used every meretricious trick to make a fast buck."

Lie detector woman awarded £220,000 for back injuries ment which provides help in future." She had told the for those with lumbar spinal court she was in constant

A JUDGE who awarded an injured woman more than £220,000 damages said yesterday that the findings of a spinal "Tie detector," had

The case of Annette Durrant, aged 34, from Learnington Spa, Warwick-shire, was the first time that a British court had heard the result of tests carried out on an Isostation B200, an American-made orthonae dic machine said by its British operators to expose malingerers or confirm genuine

Mrs Durrant had presented evidence from the device to show that she was not exaggerating the injuries she received when she was in an accident with a car while riding a horse in 1987. The court was told that she had been transformed from a healthy, sporting person to a virtual cripple. The driver of the car admitted liability, but contested the damages of up to £250,000 that she

At the High Court in Birmingham yesterday, Mr. Justice Judge, in a reserved. judgment, said that as he was convinced she suffered the pain she had described he had not needed to take account of the Isostation's findings. He awarded Mrs Durrant £226,438 damages, including interest. . .

He said: "Considerable claims were made on behalf of the machine, It was suggested the machine cannot ie and cannot be deceived. therefore the machine will not only expose the malingerer, but provide independent support for anyone suffering a genuine back complaint.

The machine itself is not on trial in this litigation because no-one has suggested she is a malingerer. Therefore the success or failure of her claim does not depend on this machine or its results: My judgment of Mrs Durrant's credibility was not influenced by the results of this machine." He added: "The machine seems to be a useful piece of equip-

Afterwards Hugo Kitchen, an orthopaedic physician who runs a clinic at Stratford-upon-Avon with his brother James and owns the franchise for the machine in Britain, said that he was not downhearted. "The machine was not the only evidence to support her case," he said. "but to me it confirmed our own clinical

suspicions about her injuries

and in my opinion the ma-

chine's evidence was vindicated." Dr Kitchen said the machine had been used for ten years in America, where most claims were now settled out of court. Although it was the first time the Isostation had been involved in a Brit-ish court, "I definitely do not think it will be the last".

Mrs Durrant said she was delighted with her award and would be able to buy more aids to improve her life. She said: "I am relieved it is all over. The machine was very helpful and could be useful to a lot more people pain and that her injuries led to the break-up of her marriage. She would never be able to work again, suffered dizzy spells and could walk only a short distance with the aid of a stick. Paul Drew, her solicitor, said yes-terday that the Isostation had reinforced the judge's view of Mrs Durrant as a frank and honest witness and be believed the machine would be used extensively by the medical profession.

Mrs Durrant had claimed damages from the insurers of the car driver, Alexander McDonald, of Coventry. She was awarded special damages of £43,926, general damages of £32,500, and a sum of £11,396 annually for loss of earnings, to be paid for 13 years, totalling £148,152.

The machine has been used in claims in America. The biggest involved a railway worker claiming £300,000 who was awarded £60,000 after the court accepted evidence from the



In constant pain: Mrs Durrant leaving the court after the decision yesterday

Tests remain inconclusive

ing the Isostation B200 remains after yesterday's High Court decision. A legal decision for or against the device's evidence must await another injury case.

Although a novelty in this country; about 600 of the machines are in use in America and the device has been the subject of almost 100 academic papers since ns introduction in 1987. Scientific opinion on the machine is divided.

The device has a steel frame, strain gauges and a platform. The patient stands and is strapped to the frame, restricting movement to the lower back. Information on the performance of physical excercises is fed to a computer that analyses the data. The de-

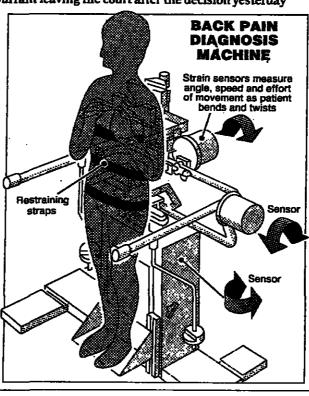
Scientific opinion on the back pain machine is divided, reports Nick Nuttall

vice examines effort, speed and degree of back movement against pre-set forces. which can be adjusted, in six directions of movement simultaneously.

Slight twists or side-toside movements are also measured, providing, it is claimed, vital clues to the condition of the back. The computer, making adjustments for the patient's age and sex, compares the information with data from hundreds of other subjects to establish whether he has a

genuine back problem. Some British expens who have tested the device believe that its usefulness, particularily in court, is in doubt. Chris Oliver, an orthopaedic surgeon at Harrogate district hospital, tested about 80 people at Leeds general infirmary, some of whom were asked to fake back pain.

Mr Oliver said: "They did not make appreciably dif-ferent recordings to those with genuine back pain . . . I do not think the machine can tell them apart. I can say from the machine that this person makes a normal pattern of movement and this person makes an abnormal one. But the grey area in between, where malingering lies, is undeter-



Pilots killed when RAF jet crashed into light plane

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

. A LIGHT aircraft whose pilot was taking photographs of a Welsh village was hit from behind by an RAF Jaguar on a low flying exercise, an inquest was told yesterday.

The pilot, Robert Cooper, aged 45, died instantly, as did the RAF pilot, Wing Commander John Mardon. The officer had only returned to flying duties recently after a · heart-and-lung transplant.

Mr Cooper had not told anyone that he intended to fly low to obtain the best pictures and the RAF crew had no chance of avoiding his Cessna as they flew at 450mph over Carno in Powys. The other RAF crew member, Wing Commander George Pixton. ejected safely.

At the inquest in Carno into the deaths of the two men, Anthony Skinner, senior inpariment's air accident investigation branch wreckage showed that Mr Cooper, of Wolverhampton, an experienced pilot employed by Skyviews and General of Leeds had been taking aerial shots of houses intended for sale later to residents. It was believed that he

was either filming from the open left-hand window of his cockpit or looking at the ground to locate further shots when the RAF fighter struck him from behind, killing him

Mr Cooper, with more than 2,000 flying hours, had not informed any civil or military authorities when he left Halfpenny Green aerodrome. nearly 50 miles from Carno.

Mr Skinner said. Gordon Sharp, of the Civil Aviation Authority, said the same Cessna had been reported for alleged breaches of flying regulations in the three months before the collision. Skyviews and General pilots were paid by results, which provided a financial inducement to fly low, he said.

The inquest continues today.



pilot who was killed in the collision

Author in publisher's bad books

By Ray Clancy

JOHN Healy, a former alcoholic, amateur boxer, convict and now author, has been told by the publisher of his autobiographical novel Grass Arena never to darken its doors again. Faber & Faber has accused Mr Healy of a six-month campaign of abuse against its staff.

Mr Healy, who is working on a second novel, has countered that he did not want anything to do with Faber and that he has been using other publishers. "Faber are trying to be the god of the publishing world," he said yesterday. "I really do not know what they are making a fuss about. They have ripped me off in the past and now I do not want anything to do with them." Mr Healy intends to include details of the row in his book.

Robert McCrum, Faber's fiction editor, said: "When he began telephoning female members of staff and being abusive, things came to a head and we contacted the police."

> Philip Howard and Diary, page 10

Winter Weather Wreaks Friday, December 15, Havoc on Homes SEVERE WEATHER WARNING ONCE again, the British weather has taken its toll. Freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall are expected to continue The lowest temperatures for years have wreaked havoc with during the next week. Strong northerly winds will reach householders across the country. gale force and hit the whole With frozen and burst pipes, failed country at some time over the next heating systems and possible flooding, plumbers everywhere are few days. stretched to the limit.

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Patients sick of GPs' receptionists By Jeremy Laurance, health services correspondent

ness," one said. "It is like facing the Spanish Inquisi-tion," said another.

Only 10 per cent of 800 randomly selected patients

made specific comments but

these were mostly negative.

Rude and snooty said one.

"miserable and grumpy"

said another. Several com-

plained that they sought "too

much personal information".

· LIKE traffic wardens and When asked about the hospital matrons, doctors' receptionists are the women replied "good". Many found a woman behind a desk with we love to hate, describing them as middle-aged, bloody an appointments book a minded and bent on preventing patients from seeing their GP. sharp pencil and a baleful look an intimidating prospect. Fifty four per cent thought the level of privacy when dealing with them was poor. "Receptionists often than the same as a second to the same In the latest survey to confirm this urban myth, published yesterday, patients described them as snooty. shout out patients busi-

grumpy and acting like SS officers". Others complained of being asked intrusive questions and having problems dicussed in a derogafory manner. In contrast, more than 90 per cent described their GPs as good listeners and normally good at explanations.

They saw the main challenge

as getting past the reception

One compared them with SS officers.
The survey was carried out standard of help reception-ists give patients, only half

by the Northumberland Community Health Council, the Family Health Services Authority and local GPs. The authority has already set up a working party to seek im-provements based on the findings.
Asked about the survey.

Doris Gilhespy, secretary of the Association of Medical Secretaries, said: "Oh dear, oh dear, not that 'dragon at the gate' story again." There were many courses for doctors' receptionists, she said, and GPs were responsible. under the new contract, for seeing their staff were given adequate training. The big problem is that many people who go to the doctor are ill and anxious and they will always remember the one thing that goes wrong, not the thousands that go right."

Two thirds of patients rated relationships with their doctors as "good", while "fair" was the response from most of the rest. Other findings were that 90 per cent felt surgery hours conve-nient. 80 per cent thought it reasonable to wait a day for an appointment and 70 per cent expected to be seen within 15 minutes of their appointment time.

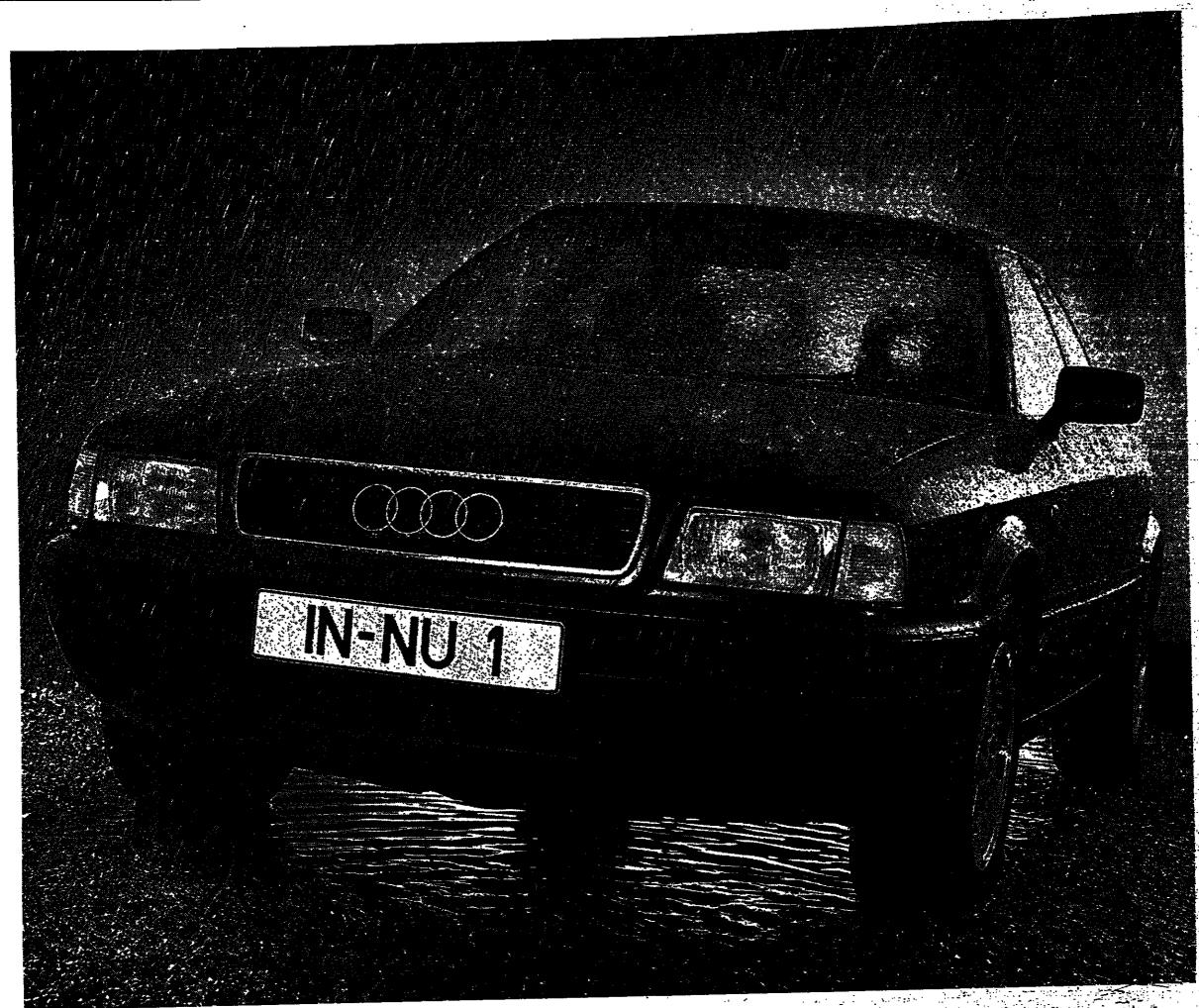
Dr Christopher Robinson. the authority chairman, said the level of satisfaction with GPs was higher than elsewhere in Britain and by dealing with the problems they hoped to achieve "the best service in the country".

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Clarke to put more teacher training in classrooms

BY JOHN O'LEARY HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke, the education secretary, yesterday promised to extend his teacher training reforms to include all new entrants to the

The government's original proposals to switch the bulk of training from universities and colleges to schools affected only graduates going into secondary teaching. When the scheme was outlined in detail yesterday, however, Mr Clarke widened the principle to include undergraduates

Private schools fight for status

INDEPENDENT schools published their first election 'manifesto" yesterday which only just stopped short of advising parents to vote Con-servative (John O'Leary

The manifesto is the open-ing shot in a £100,000 preelection campaign designed to stave off an attempt by Labour and the Liberal Democrats to withdraw the schools' charitable status and abolish the assisted places scheme for children from

poor families. David Woodhead, national director of the Independent Schools Information Service, said that the two policies at a time of recession represented as great a danger as the schools had faced when Labour was committed to abolishing them. Mr Woodhead said: "We want parents to

realise the consequences of oting for particular parties." An opinion poll commissioned by the service last year showed 55 per cent of Labour supporters in favour of assistplaces. One aim of the campaign will be to see that

The independent schools initiative will include a national newspaper advertising campaign and a debate in London next month on assisted places, involving all three main parties' education

RSC man

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taking BEd courses. As well as considering cutting the length of BEd courses from four years to three, Mr Clarke is proposing that at least a parter of existing courses should take place in schools.

He has asked the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education to draw up similar guidelines for trainees going into primary schools, after reserving judgment un-til the publication of last week's report on primary school teaching. "I see no reason at all why this should not extend to all teacher training, and it is my intention that it should."

Under Mr Clarke's proposals, student teachers will have to show that they can control a class, master different teaching techniques and fire children's interest with clear, stimulating lessons. All trainees will have to meet at least 20 requirements before being officially declared professionally competent.

These include maintaining the interest and motivation of all children, setting demanding targets, keeping discipline and recognising the diversity of talent in a class. Trainees, will have to show that they can spot bright children and cater for their needs. Experienced teachers will take trainees under their wing to show them how to do the job in the classroom.

Mr Clarke said: "I am deermined to make teacher training more school-based, with a focus on the competences that teachers need at the start of their careers.

The first of the new courses is due to begin in September. To speed the process, an extra E6 million is being made available to encourage schools to come forward, allowing at least a third of postgraduate trainees to Last night, the National

Union of Teachers accused the government of rushing proper research or consultation. Doug McAvoy, its gen-eral secretary, said: "There must be adequate planning and sufficient time for preparation of schools, teachers and institutions to do the job properly."

Farmers stick their necks out on ostrich venture



Francis and Linda Ayres cradling two of the 26 ostrich chicks incubated on their farm near Banbury, Oxfordshire, The couple have invested about £40,000 in an effort to persuade the British consumer that os-

trich meat is safe, and healthier and tastier than beef or lamb (Michael Hornsby writes). "The meat has a venison-like flavour and contains fewer calories and less cholesterol," Mr Ayres said. The chicks were hatched early

last month from eggs imported from Namibia. The Ayreses say that they have already sold some to breeders in Britain, Ireland and on the Continent, which will be delivered when they are three jections can be met by the use of months old. A pair of birds can

produce at least 25 chicks a year and breed for about 40 of their 70 years. There is a market for their feathers and skins. The Ayreses believe that welfare obmobile abattoirs that would cut

birds long distances to slaughterhouses. They have coined the name "volaise" for the meat. The agriculture ministry is expected to classify it more prosaically as "farmed game".

Churned up by vanishing milk board

MORE than the biting January wind may have brought a tear to the eyes of dairy farmers yesterday as they contemplated the possibility of life without the maternal protection of the Milk Marketing

Admittedly, the crusty old dinosaur - a statutory body with the sole right to buy and supply milk in England and Wales since 1933 — has been an unconscionable time a-dying and may yet succeed in retaining many of its functions and powers by metamorphosing into a voluntary co-operative. But in dairy parlours up and down the land

there is a pervasive feeling

that the old certainties are

crumbling. David Richardson, who combines farming at Great Melton, near Norwich, with a career as an agricultural journalist and broadcaster, accepts that change must come but understands the fears of

The Milk Marketing Board's decision to wind itself up may be good for consumers. but Michael Hornsby finds dairy farmers viewing the prospect with mixed feelings

dairy farmers, particularly of the older generation. He draws on the experience of his father during the 1920s.

"In those days you had no guarantee of selling your milk unless you had a retail contract. Often my father would milk the cows and, because there was no sale for it, my mother would have to make butter and hang it down the well to keep cool. On Friday local market and sell the butter for whatever it would

fetch, which was not much." Introduced during the depression of the inter-war years, the board put an end to a century of laissez-faire in agricultural policy and was

hailed for protecting small farmers against predatory dairy companies. To men like Richardson senior, the change seemed like paradise.

The board guaranteed to collect and buy all milk produced by dairy farmers at a standard "pooled" price. In effect, that meant that dairy farms close to towns subsidised the transport costs of those in remoter rural areas.

dairies and processors at a complicated scale of prices fixed according to intended end use. Astonishingly, that cumbersome centralised system has survived for nearly 60 years.

Over that period, the board

did much to restore confidence, boost output, enforce quality controls and improve the dairy herd. The rigidities from the board of the system were exposed, Stephen Hall, who runs a however, by the imposition of dairy herd and processing European Community production quotas in 1984 in an attempt to curb surplus out-

ously been a guaranteed outlet. More recently Brussels has also challenged the board's legality.

Britain suddenly found itself short of milk and lumbered with huge over-capacity in the wrong kind of dairy plant. The board had

charged dairies an artificially high price for milk for drinkto subsidise the cheap production of butter, cheese and skimmed milk powder, much of which went straight into the EC's cold stores.

out for which there had previ-

Enterprising dairies and processors who wanted to exploit the growing consumer market for yoghurts and speciality cheeses found difficulty in getting supplies of milk

plant at Pinner, northwest London, was dry-eyed yesterday. He is secretary of Independent Milk Producers and Processors, which was formed last year in anticipation of a freer market. "At present, even if I want to supply my own milk to my own plant, I have to sell it first to the board at 19p a litre and then buy it back at 2+p. It is a

ludicrous situation." The board hopes that 80 per cent or more of farmers : new co-operative. But the big dairy companies, claiming they can pay farmers a better price, are already offering tempting contracts to groups of suppliers. That could mean cheaper milk and a wider range of dairy prod-

ucts in the shops.

Woman ordered to quell sex noise

A woman was bound over in the sum of E100 and issued with a noise abatement order by Portmouth magistrates yesterday after neighbours complained about the noise of her sexual activities.

Denise Conway and Sylvia Rowe took out a private prosecution against Linda Boyce after asking her to make less noise, and complaining to police and the council. The court was told that their lives were disrupted by loud pop music, slamming doors, and the sound of Miss Boyce's lovemaking and sexually intimate telephone calls in the early hours.

doing housework.

to attend trial

John Ward, whose daughter

Mr Ward, aged 58, faced

Fingers moved

The author Catherine Cookson, above, has given £26,000 for a heating system at St Peter's and St Paul's church in South Shields, which she attended as a girl. after hearing that parishioners were so cold that mass

Thief cashes in

A thief who frogmarched a student half a mile at knifepoint to his bank cashpoint machine in Bristel only to find that the account was empty made him return to his digs and beg £25 from his flatmates, which he then

Public enquiry opens

Islanders oppose Skye toll bridge

By KERRY GILL

THE Royal Shakespeare Company's artistic director, Adrian Noble, yesterday accepted substantial libel damages over an article in air their concerns at the start Private Eye which said that of a public enquiry. he insisted that his girl friend should be east in several roles in the 1991 season.

The actress, Joanne Pearce, now Mr Noble's wife, was cast on merit and not through the exercise of any pressure by him, his counsel, Andrew Caldecon, told the High Court.

The article, published in the magazine's Grovel column in September 1990, alleged that Mr Noble's conduct led to the resignation of the RSC's casting agent and her assistant.

The allegations were entirely without foundation, Mr Caldecott told Mr Justice Drake. Miss Pearce had appeared in major roles in earlier seasons when Mr Noble, of Islington, north London, was not artistic director.

Jane Phillips, counsel for the Private Eye's editor, lan Hislop, and the publishers Pressdram, said that they unreservedly withdrew any sug-gestion that Mr Noble had sought improperly to advance Miss Pearce's career in any way. They apologised for the distress and embarrassment caused and agreed to pay the undisclosed sum of damages and Mr Noble's legal costs. • Three brothers who own a wholesale butchery busines: in West Wales accepted substantial libel damages at the High Court in London from

Their solicitor said that in October 1990 the BBC programme Week In, Week Out accused a customer using an abanoir owned by Thomas, Vivian and John Thomas near Lanelli. Dyfed, of supplying unfit meat. Many viewers understood this to mean that the brothers were dealing in unfit meat and they lost many customers.

MORE than 100 objectors to the £24 million Isle of Skye toll bridge crammed into a tiny village hall yesterday to

Many have waited for a bridge since 1938, when the first design was drawn up only to be dropped because of the second world war. Islanders, incensed that the new bridge will have tolls, feel they could wait another 50 years.

The public benches represented a wide variety of individuals and organisations objecting to the bridge, between Kyle of Lochalsh and Kyleakin, which was chosen last year after what was described as a Europe-wide architectural "beauty contest".

While some believe that the design is beautiful, others, mainly from Skye, do not care whether a bridge is built at all. Others have called for a tunnel, and almost all oppose

A Scottish Office official disclosed that there were 190 objections, including a petition from 2,100 people protesting about the tolls. The government argued that if tolls matched present ferry charges, users would be no worse off and tolls would eventually be scrapped.

The enquiry, ordered by ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, will hear that many people fear that a bridge will make it easier for thieves to travel to and from Skye, and that it could close during storms and could damage the environment. The Royal Fine Arts Commission for Scotland has called the design, by the Miller group, "objectionably humped backed". Before the hearing began in the Kyle of Lochalsh village hall, Elizabeth Haran, Reporter to the enquiry, said that there had even been letters from people wondering whether there was any point in the enquiry as the contract for the bridge

had already been signed. Alastair Dunlop, QC. for the Scottish Office, emphasised that there were many objections quite apart from those against a bridge. Most of those were concerns over

imposing tolls. He said that if the whole project were scrapped, the Miller group, which signed the contract for the bridge last year, would receive finan-

cial compensation.

He said that the level of tolls would depend on the final design of the bridge and the cost of its approaches. "In no way can it be said that the enquiry is academic or has been prejudged by signing

Each of the objectors was asked to give his or her name and that of any organisation they represented. All the local community councils have objected to tolls.

James Innes, deputy chief road engineer for the Scottish Office, said that the bridge should pay for itself within 12 to 18 years. "The government believes that, by the private sector route, the public will get a free bridge sooner than by waiting for a bridge through the public sector roads programme," he said. If people wanted a publicly funded bridge, they would have to wait until well into the

Jails chief opposes governor uniforms

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE head of the prison service is strongly resisting a proposal for governors to wear uniforms and is pressing instead for less militaristic clothing for all prison staff.

Joe Pilling is also against a recommendation to divide responsibility for overall prison policy and management of the service between a nonexecutive chairman and a di-

rector general. Both proposals were put forward in a management review of the service by Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, former chief executive of British Aerospace, who suggested that the service should be given agency status as a way of limiting Home Office interference in its operations.

Mr Pilling, who took over as director general in August. told The Times yesterday: "Prison governors have never

worn uniform and that is because of the nature of the job, which is about developing interpersonal skills. We are not simply a disciplining organisation designed to put people in their place and keep them there." Sir Raymond, in his report

last month to Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, suggested that making everyone wear a uniform would address the poor morale and sense of disunity said to afflict the prison service. He was highly critical of recent instructions to limit the wearing of caps by Mr Pilling said: "In rela-

tion to uniform and the appointment of a non-executive chairman, he is running counter to Lord Justice Woolf's report [into the 1990 prison riots.

Mr Pilling clearly backs the Woolf report's suggestion that the military aspects of the service be reduced. "There are two ways of moving towards conformity," he said. There are ways of people dressing in a reasonable standard way which are less like a uniform than the uniform we have at the moment for prison officers."

Such a form of dress would help to bring people together and would highlight to prisoners that staff were in the business of building human

Sir Raymond recommended that the service become an agency with a prisons board headed by a part-time non-executive chairman, who would be the principal adviser to ministers. and a chief executive responsible for the day-to-day management

Mr Pilling, however, said that some would see that as a backward step. It was important to bring together in one person responsibility for policy and operations so that nobody could be in any doubt about who was in charge.

Peer's son faces a rough ride to the Lords drewif he is judged to be the

TRUSTEES of one-year-old Daniel, reputed to be the 4th Baron Moynihan, may be wasting their time and money in preparing him to take a seat in the Lords in 2012.

It is not so much the threat of a prime minister stripping the hereditary peerage of the right to med-dle in the government's af-fairs that should worry them, but the procedures for

taking up the freehold. Like others before him. the son of the colourful 3rd Lord Moynihan and his fifth wife, Jinna Sabiaga, aged 26, a Filipino massage par-lour owner, could be forced to disclose all the skeletons in the family cupboard be-fore a quasi-judicial enquiry. Since Colin Moynihan. the junior energy minister. is unlikely to challenge the claim, the next hurdle for

Daniel is likely to come in

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Lord Moynihan's heir may be forced to reveal the skeletons in his family cupboard, reports Sheila Gunn

2009. When aged 18 he will find himself unable to vote because he is a peer — and unable to take his seat until he is 21 - and probably facing a claim to the title from his half-brother Andrew.

Andrew would be entitled to apply for a writ of summons to the Lord Chancellor of the day who, with the Home Secretary, will decide if further investigation is needed. Four law lords together with a group of other peers will then be dragooned onto a Committee for Privileges to examine the

conflicting claims. The procedure is expensive, requiring counsel versed in constitutional law. and time-consuming. Such disputes are rare nowadays, mostly involving those claiming a peerage which The case of the Russell

baby is the closest analogy to the Movnihan claim. After the 3rd Lord Ampthill died in 1973, his son Geoffrey was challenged by his younger half-brother over the title. The question of whether Geoffrey's parents consummated their marriage and allegations of adultery by his mother Christabel were long disputed during the enquiry — and filled many a newspaper colums.

Blood tests finally settled the claim in Geoffrey's fa-



Lord Moynihan: dispute over inheritance

vour. As the 4th Lord Ampthill, he still sits in the Lords and served as a distinguished chairman of the refreshment committee, albeit with a slight hiccup after a salmonella outbreak in the kitchens in the 1980s. There is solace for Daniel, or Anlegitimate heir, in the know-ledge that once in the Lords, neither would find the merest raising of an eyebrow at their ancestry. A paradoxical equality is practised, with the peers judged solely on their contri-The peculiar composition

of the upper House can lead. for instance, to speeches in a debate on drugs from a for-mer addict (Lord Mancroft). an ex-detective sergeant (Earl Nelson), a former chief constable of West Midlands (Lord Knights), a past permanent secretary at the Home Office (Lord Allen of Abbeydale) and a recent Home Secretary (Lord Waddington). Transport debates might hear from Lord Marsh, a former British Rail

chairman. Daniel flies in, page 1

Miss Boyce, aged 36, who contested the complaints, said that boyfriends telephoned her at night and that she had the radio on when

Victim's father

Julie was murdered on a Kenyan game reserve in Sep-tember 1988, has been given special dispensation to sit in on the trial in Nairobi next month of the two gamekeepers who are accused of her

the possibility of missing the trial because he is a witness. The ruling by Kenya's attorney general means that he will be able to put questions to any of the dozens of witnesses.

Ben Grundy, aged three, who was born without thumbs, is recovering after surgeons at Frenchay hospital. Bristol. switched his forefingers to where his thumbs would have been. He still needs a bone marrow transplant for a rare

Warm-hearted

blood disorder.



was held in the priest's house.

Union power at stake in election

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservatives unleashed the second string to their electioneering bow yesterday by promising a renewed assault on trade union power if they are returned for a fourth term.

The announcement by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, that the government intends to press ahead with new curbs on strikes and to give union members extra muscle over their leaders drew furious protests from Labour MPs.

Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, accused Mr Howard of returning to the agenda of the 1970s because he had no answers to the problems of the 1990s.

Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, intervened on the Opposition's behalf by warning Mr Howard that his reminders of Labour's past denunciations of pre-strike ballots went beyond the scope of his statement on the outcome of consultation on the latest green paper on indus-

Opposition anger at Mr

with an intervention by Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, who protested about abuse of power by the 'nastiest man in the government". Mr Weatherill pleaded with MPs to deal with the issue in a "non-party political way", a remark that provoked gulfaws from both sides of the

Tory backbenchers were clearly delighted at the robust way in which the employment secretary chose to play an issue that party strategists regard as subordinate only to tax and spending. Mr How-ard said that a cross-section of employers' organisations had given broad support to a framework of proposals in-tended to form the sixth big piece of trade union legislation since 1979. The key

points are: A new right for members of the public to seek an injunction against unlawful industrial action affecting a public service.

A seven-day notice period

before the start of a strike. ☐ Postal ballots for strikes and an end to decisions being

taken by a show of hands in the workplace. An end to the Bridlington agreement covering union membership and the introduction of a legal right for workers to join the union of

> ☐ A three-yearly review by employers of "check-off" arrangements by which union dues are automatically deducted from wage packets. Such arrangements would only continue with the express consent of employees.
>
> ☐ Independent control over the storage and distribution of ballot papers to prevent fraud in union elections.

Mr Howard indicated that on three fronts the government had chosen to beat a tactical retreat. The check-off review would be held every three years and not annually as first suggested: plans to make collective agreements legally binding would be shelved; and, for security reasons, independent scrutineers, not union members, would have the right to examine union membership



Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, as "Vatman", catches the eye of a passerby. John Major yesterday dismissed Labour's claim that the Tories would raise VAT to 22 per cent. Full story, page 1

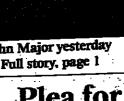
Plea for disabled voters

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs from all parties yesterday called for urgent action to make it easier for disabled

the all-party disablement group, condemned the "scandalous disregard for house bound and disabled people" when it came to voting rights.
Disabled people found it difficult to get information on getting on to the electoral register, on applying for a postal vote and on the location of polling stations if they decided to vote in person. Mr Ashley said.

At the polling stations it was often cumbersome or impossible to get into polling booths. "Denial of the means to vote is a denial of democracy," Mr Ashley said. He ed that some doctors were charging for signing the proxy forms for disabled people. The standard charge of £3 to £4 was beyond the means of many of the people concerned, he said.



people to vote. Jack Ashley, chairman of

Local authorities can get Treasury grants covering 50 per cent of the costs of adapting polling stations for polling day only. Few local authorities were willing to provide the other 50 per cent for a "one-day wonder", the

group said. Sir John Hannam, the group's secretary, called on the government urgently to implement the early day motion put down by Jeff Rooker, the "right to vote". Colin Low, vice-chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, and Lord Rix, chairman of Mencap, highlighted the difficulties of the blind and partially sighted and the mentally handicapped in voting.



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Tests on animals attacked

Nine companies were accused in the Commons yesterday of testing cosmetics on live animals. Jimmy Dunnachie. Labour MP for Glasgow Poliok, called on the government to ban the tests. He listed a variety of products, saying: "These are only some of the brand names of companies like Alberto-Culver. Cheeseborough-Ponds, Elida-Gibbs, Gilette UK Ltd. Bristol-Myers. Proctor & Gamble, L'Oreal UK Ltd and Shiseido all of them listed among the chief offenders in the an-imal testing stakes."

Mr Dunnachie was iven leave to introduce a bill banning tests on live animals for cosmetics. More than 4,000 tests were carried out in Britain in 1990, he said. His bill has no chance of becoming law.

More take up teaching

Teacher recruitment and training is increasing. according to figures given by Michael Fallon, a junior education minister. In a written reply he said that last year teacher va-cancies fell by 20 per cent and recruitment to teacher training rose by 21

School status Three hundred and lifteen schools have voted in favour of grant-main-tained status, Tim Eggar, the minister of state for education, said at question time. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. told MPs that 13 city

aunumn next year. Steel on tour

technology colleges have been established and

two more will open in the



Sir David Steel, above. the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman and president-elect of Liberal International, leaves today for a six-day tour of the Middle East. He will be accompanied by Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrats' defence spokesman.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. Education (Schools) Bill, remain-Lords (2.30): Debates on Wales, on the challenges facing the UN secretary-

general and on Hong Kong

after 1997.

Tip-off exposed Iraqi deception

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Iraqis were stopped from using a UK factory site to develop lethal weapons only because they applied for a government grant to subsidise the work. Foreign Office officials

admitted yesterday that they were tipped off by the Northern Ireland Industry Development Board about the Iraqi ambitions for the Lear fan jet factory site after receiving a grant application. John Goulden, an assis-

tant permanent secretary, told the Commons enquiry into the Iraqi supergun affair that the factory had a legitimate civil use but was also involved in developing sophisticated technology which could have a military application. The government rejected

the application after the tipoff by the board and learning of the involvement of a company called TDG; a known cover, with an office in London, for acquiring technology for the Iragis.

Mr Goulden dismissed allegations from MPs on the trade and industry committee that Britain deliberately allowed Saddam Hussein to built up his military might to help him counter an invasion from Iran However, he re-

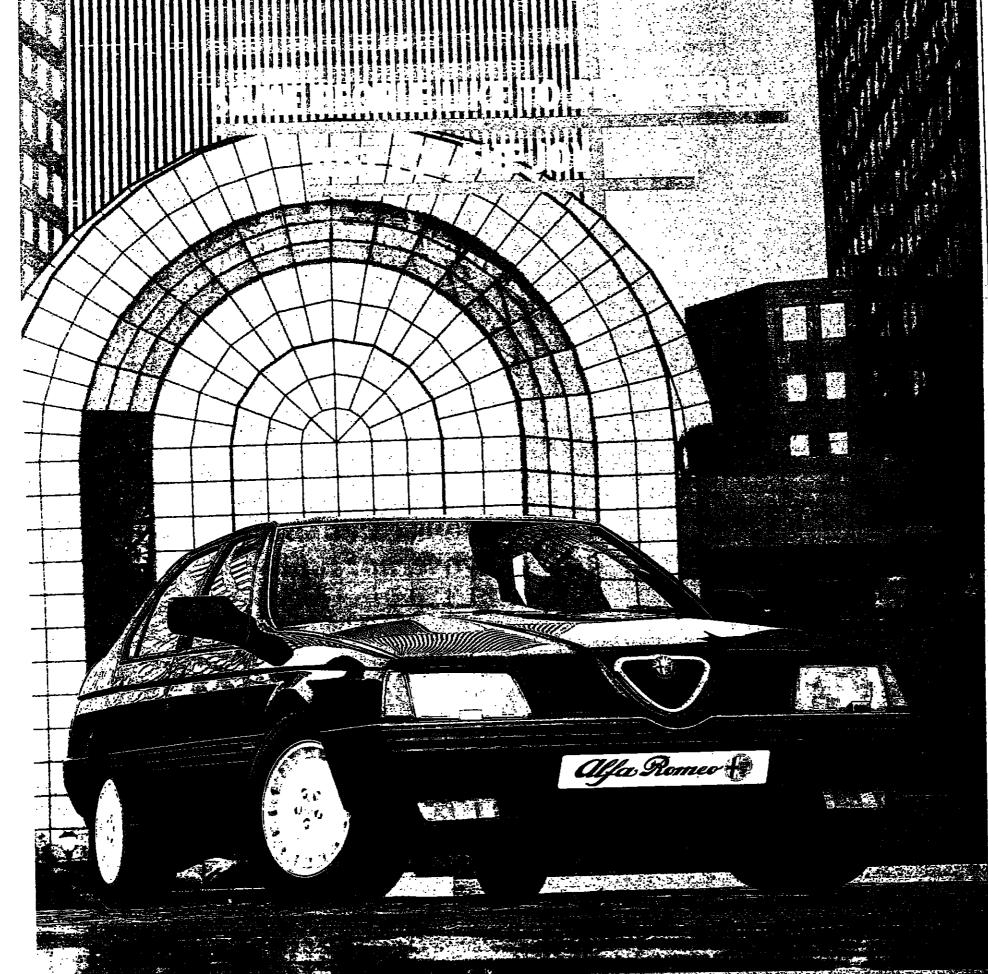
have been exported during the Iran-Iraq war in breach of a UN arms embargo. When asked why the em-

leade

bargo was not imposed more rigorously, he said: "We were already penalising firms to a far greater extent than other Western governments." The Iraqis practised a sophisticated programme of deception in acquiring military technology from the West which was only pieced to-gether by British officials in the late 1980s.

The Foreign Office did not hear of the supergun project until November 1989, more than a year after Iraq of dered steel pipes from Sheffield Forgemasters and Walter Somers of Hales-owen, he said. It did not have firm evidence of a link with the project until March 1990. It was now known that the Iraqis had the capability to launch ballistic missiles with chemical and biological warheads during the Gulf

war, Mr Goulden said Evidence to the committee from the UN special inspec-tion team said that the Iraqis had test fired a supergo with a range of 140 miles-Parts were supplied by Britain, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and the



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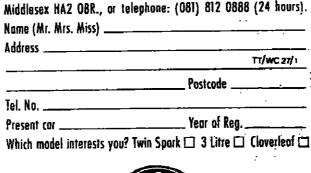
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Party dispute over budget mars Bush speech run-up

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

policy as conservatives resist

The State of the Union

speech contains a mixture of policies designed to stimulate

the economy, including tax credits for new homebuyers

and an end to the luxury tax

on yachts and expensive cars.

More spending is also pro-

posed — on pre-school educa-tion and food programmes

for poor children. Both Dem-

ocrat and Republican critics

plans do not go far enough.

Times/CBS News poli

showed that the president's

audience last night was less

confident than any for the

State of the Union address in

the past 13 years. The audi-

ence was also more disap-

proving of the president than

at any time in his term of

office, and increasingly inter-

ested in trying a Democrat in

the White House. Although Mr Bush always defeats any

named Democrat, an ideal-

ised mythical Democrat can-

didate gets 60 per cent

support.

Mr Bush still has plenty of time to recover, but it is the

economy which is at the fore-

front of every political mind not distracted by the sex alle-

gations against Bill Clinton,

the governor of Arkansas.

Health care is the other issue

climbing up the list of popu-

lar concerns. Some 65 per cent of respondents said they

would back a tax-supported

system, and 53 per cent said

they would be prepared to pay an additional \$1,000 (£550) a

Respondents were asked to

rate the present state of Amer-

ican affairs on a scale of one

to ten, a question posed by the

New York Times/CBS poll

since 1979. The present rate

is 4.63, the lowest ever. The

future is rated at 4.97, which

may show confidence in Mr

Bush but is more likely a

• Brussels: America told its

Nato allies yesterday that it

intends to make heavy cuts in

its long-range nuclear arsenal if former Soviet republics

agree to do the same. Nato

sources said. William Taft,

the American ambassador to

Nato, apparently told his

counterparts from the 15 oth-

er alliance nations at a special

meeting that Mr Bush would

announce the plan in his

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said the plan

was to cut long-range missiles

which carry more than one

warhead. Some are based in

deep silos on land and some

on submarines.
"It's reciprocal," said one

source. "Russia and other re-

publics with strategic nuclear

weapons will have to agree to

make similar reductions in

multiple-warhead missiles,

but it is not the idea to have

President Bush would also

announce the scrapping of

some weapons programmes

related to nuclear arms and

other unilateral steps which are aimed at building confi-

dence between the former

sources said. (Reuter)

Cold War enemies, the

formal negotiations."

State of the Union speech.

irrepressible

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year in taxes to finance it.

have already said that the

The most recent New York

any hint of more taxation.

PREPARATIONS for President Bush's State of the Union address were interrupted yesterday by a row over health-care taxes that could presage a divisive debate in the Republican party. As Mr Bush held final re-

hearsals for Operation Do-mestic Storm, the speech designed to launch his reelection bid, the presses printing the budget were suddenly stopped after conservative Republicans objected to a new tax proposal for the healthcare benefits of top-salaried workers. With latest polls showing only 43 per cent approval for Mr Bush, and only 19 per cent of those polled believing the Republi-cans would produce a comprehensive health service, the White House had hoped for a smooth approach to the State of the Union speech.

Instead, a spokesman for the president had to explain why sections of the budget, prepared by Richard Darman, the director of the powerful office of management and budget, were unacceptable to Republican congressional leaders. The dispute reflects the battle for authority which Mr Darman is having to fight to maintain his influence in the newly reorganised White House. But it also reflects the battle over

Castro TV interview 'faked'

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON INPARIS

FRANCE'S best-known television news presenter. Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, is at the centre of a controversy arising from an interview with President Castro of Cuba that

In the face of allegations that his scoop for the TF1 network was achieved by doctoring film from other sources, Poivre d'Arvor has retreated behind the support of a handful of semon colleagues who have denounced the "nauseating" media campaign being waged against

Dr Castro did not talk directly either to Poivre d'Arvor or to another TF1 reporter whom viewers were led to believe had conducted the interview. According to unchallenged reports in Le Canard Enchaîne, a satirical magazine, and Telérama, a television listings magazine, the questions were recorded after a press conference held by the Cuban leader last month and later juxtaposed with film taken on that

in his version of events Porvre d'Arvor acknowledged to Telerama that its report was true. He then insisted, however: "We had questioned Fidel Castro during his press conference, but the Cuban authorities would not allow us to place our camera behind him ... so we recorded our

and capill

'Damsel of death' convicted

PROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A WOMAN serial killer could be executed in the electric chair after being found guilty of murdering one of seven middle aged men whom she has conmen whom she has con-

Aileen Wuornos, aged 35, nicknamed by the media the "damsel of death", is a prostitute who robbed her victims, pick-ups on Florida highways, of their money and jewellery to give as gifts to her lesbian lover. She said that she shot Richard Mallory in self-defence because he raped and tortured her. "I was raped. I hope you get raped, scumbags of Ameri-ca." she shouted as the jury of seven women and five men left the court after convicting her late on Monday. The jury reconvened yester-day to decide whether to recmend a death sentence or a mandatory 25-year pris-

Mallory, aged 51, an electronics repairman, was found dead in a wooded area near Daytona Beach in De-cember 1989 with four bullet wounds from the same .22-calibre handgun used in all seven killings. Wuornos told the court that Mallory tied her to the steering wheel of his car, then choked her and raped her.

But John Tanner, the Florida state attorney, told the court: "This was not a crime of passion, but a crime of having absolute control over her victim." When a prostitute wants to "take all a man has physically and, some say spiritually," he added, "there is only one thing left and that is to kill, and that is what she wanted and that is what she took."

He depicted Wuornos as a cunning, calculating killer motivated by greed. At the close of the two-week trial, Mr Tanner told the jury: 'She has left you no reasonable choice except to find her guilty."
William Miller, the deputy public defender, argued that Wuornos had "every



Crime and punishment: a defence lawyer's hand comforts Wuornos, the serial-killer prostitute, after the verdict in Deland, Florida

right to shoot Mallory not once, not twice, not three times but even four times". He said: "She was raped and brutalised. Despite her profession, she had a right to defend herself."

The jury took only 91 minutes to reach its verdict. In an effort to persuade the jury not to recommend a death penalty, defence law-yers planned to present evidence that Wuornos had lived alone since she was 14, worked as a prostitute since she was 16 and was abused

by her grandfather. In Milwaukee, the jury selection has begun in the trial of another serial killer, Jeffrey Dahmer, who has admitted cannibalism and necrophilia. With grisly evidence expected on Mr Dah-mer's string of 17 murder

jurors told the court that everything you can possibly imagine," he said. Five jurors' hands shot up.

they could not face the trial. Gerald Boyle, Mr Dahmer's defence lawyer, asked if anybody would be queasy about the testimony. "I am talking about verbal description of human carnage, killing, mutilation, cannibalism -

charges, many prospective

of Tyson's previous physical

aggressiveness towards

women, a subject that will be

admitted in evidence, legal

experts said the prosecutors

face an uphill battle in con-

vincing the jury that there is

no reasonable doubt that he

committed rape. After the

failure of the Kennedy smith

case, an acquittal in India-

napolis will be seen as a blow

to attempts to prosecute cases

Many local blacks see rac-

of "date rape".

Tyson 'date rape' hearing gets under way

Race prejudice threatens trial

By CHARLES BREMNER

SEXUAL evidence at the trial of Mike Tyson is certain to inflame the worst stereotypes which white America has traditionally held about blacks, judging by an account from a lawyer who questioned Desiree Washington, the young woman who has accused the boxer of raping her in Indianapolis.

Although the media have been squeamish about discussing the question, the Tyson trial is turning into a racial version of the gynaecological drama performed in the case of William Kennedy Smith in Palm Beach last month. To the dismay of black intellectuals, the political spice of the Kennedy trial is being matched by a spectade in Indianapolis that will bring into play all the stereotypes about black women as sexually loose and black men as super-virile "studs" — the Manding complex, as it is called from a best-seller about a slave and his master's wife.

Tyson's best hope of acquittal will hang on the ability of President's prose, page 10 Vincent Fuller, his highpowered lawyer, in depicting Ms Washington, a contestant in the Miss Black America beauty contest, as a willing partner in sexual acts with Tyson in his hotel room in the small hours of the morning of last July 19.

Ms Washington, who is being depicted as the epitome of wholesome youth, says that she had purely "platonic" in-tentions when she accepted Tyson's invitation to her room. However, Robert Hammerly, who questioned Ms Washington in the early stage of the prosecution investigation, said the defence was certain to seize on a key event in her account of subsequent events. That was her decision to go to Tyson's bathroom to remove a sanitary pad after telling him he was making

Mr Fuller is expected to ridicule the notion that Ms Washington, who is now 19, could have failed to understand the sexual implications of her decision to visit Tyson, given his notoriety.

The only physical injury to



Tyson leaving the court in Indianapolis

Ms Washington that doctors found was an internal abra-sion, Mr Hammerly said, revealing the information for the first time. Tyson's defence planned to cite scientific data to prove the injury was the result of consensual sex because Tyson possesses a larger-than-average penis,

Mr Hammerly said.

Despite the public evidence

ism behind the decision to prosecute Tyson, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, a notion that has been encouraged by com-plaints from Don King, his manager, and others in his entourage. Their lawyers have complained from the outset that not enough blacks were in the jury pool.

They are likely to base any appeal on this point, lawyers said. Racial feeling in the area has not been helped by the whiteness of the great majority of the cast in the Indianapolis court.

Blonde ambition troubles the US male psyche

With the saga continuing over Governor Bill Clinton's marriage, Americans still think blondes have more fun, writes Charles Bremner in Indianapolis

Tyou want to bring down an American politician, cher-chez la blonde. No self-respecting campaign hatchetman would have brought Gennifer Flowers, a former cabaret singer, out of Gover-nor Bill Clinton's woodwork had she been a short-haired brunette.

With her bottle-bleached tresses, her flaming lips and obligatory red suit. Ms Flowers's appearance in the ball-room of the Waldorf Astoria conformed to all the rules of the killer blonde, a genre that has wrought havoc with the American male psyche, and especially the political variety, all the way from the Revolution through Mae West and Marilyn to Madonna.

F ashions may come and go, women may be empowered or depowered, but the blonde, predatory, dumb or both at the same time, has held firmly to her pedestal, the object of worship and fear American gentlemen prefer them, but violence and even disaster lurk beneath the sugary gloss. Clergymen are not immune, as Raymond Chandler noted in Marlowe's famous line: "She was the kind of blonde who would make a bishop kick a hole in a stained-glass window."

Take the roll-call of "smoking bimbos" of recent years. those women who flashed on to the national stage to deliver the coup de grace to others' careers or reputations. From Donna Rice, Gary Hart's alleged paramour, and Jessica Hahn, the temptress of the tele-evangelists, to Marla Maples, Donald Trump's Georgia peach, the common factor has been blondness. either natural or bottle.

Blonde-bashing may be in ogue, yet America has never before been so enamoured of blondes. Brassy and starched. they deliver the news and sell most of the products on television. Long-haired and frizzed, they dominate the shopping malls and college campuses of the hinterlands.

B londness is the crucial ingredient of "big hair", a look so obligatory in the suburbs and the southern states that a French hairdresser was sacked recently from a Dallas salon for telling Texas women that short was better. No cheerleading squad could hope to win without the blonde look. Even blacks and Hispanic women are dyeing their hair. Nor is intellect any obstacle to the dyers' art, in spite of rumours that peroxide damages brain cells.

Patricia Gifford, the judge presiding over the trial of Mike Tyson, is one. A stretch in the local jail awaits anyone who would dare call her the "Ice Queen", her nickname among local defence lawyers.

New York hairdressers report a surging demand. "Everyone wants to be one," says John Fromer, hairdresser to the stars and a senior "colorist" for Clairol, the company whose old slogan became a national saying: "Is it true that blondes have more fun?" Miss Clairol followed up with another slogan: "If I have only one life, let me live it as a blonde." Mr Fromer averages more than 35 blondes a week. A feeling of "if you can't beat 'em. join 'em" seems to ir

Julie Brown, the singer who s ridiculed the look in her 1984 r anthem, The Blonde Song. a e ditty that said: "I'm blonde and I don't have to think. I d talk like a baby and I always e wear pink," has acknowl- 1edged that she wrote the lines it out of jealousy and frustra- e tion. "Men love blondes and s women are annoyed by them + because, basically blondes y are superior beings in this w culture," Ms Brown now says. *-

Jealousy and fear seem to e be behind the fad for blonde- y jokes such as: How do you put a twinkle in a blonde's eye? Il Shine a torch in her ear.

cademics are drawing s Aprofound conclusions from the phenomenon. Men are said to see blondes as the r embodiment of a lethal combination of sex and power, a concept that has made millions for Madonna.

Joseph Boskin, a Boston professor and author of Rebellious Laughter: Change and Humour in America. said: "The blonde-jokes are a continuation of the first reaction against feminism that started in the late 1970s." A new offence is being added to the criminal code of the politically correct: hairism.

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Dallas to release JFK files

FROM AFP IN DALLAS

DALLAS city council has ordered the release of all police files on the assassination of President Kennedy, including some recently found in police intelligence archives. The council voted unanimously on Monday to make the information public and called on Congress to release federal files on the assassination that have been sealed until 2029.

"Maybe they will reveal something, maybe they won't," said Domingo Garcia, a council member, who sponsored the resolution. City employees and retired staff have also been asked to provide any information they might have.

A commission set up to investigate the 1963 assassination concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone when he shot Kennedy, who was riding in a motorcade through Dallas. Conspiracy theories which have emerged over the years have, however, gained attention again with the release of the film, JFK, which argues that the assassination was plotted by the CIA and military officials.

Oliver Stone, the film's director, has also lobbied Congress to release assassination

Paris: Stone has been honoured by Jack Lang, the French minister of culture, in a ceremony held in the minister's offices in the capital's historic Palais Royale. JFK opens in Paris today.

Afrikaner far-right leaders arrested

FROM GAVIN BELL IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African police arrested the entire leadership of an Afrikaner paramilitary organisation yesterday. Eugene Terre Blanche, leader of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), and nine of his heurenants were detained in pre-dawn raids on their homes in Pretoria and the western Transvaal. They were held in connection with a gun battle with police last year in which three AWB members were killed and 58

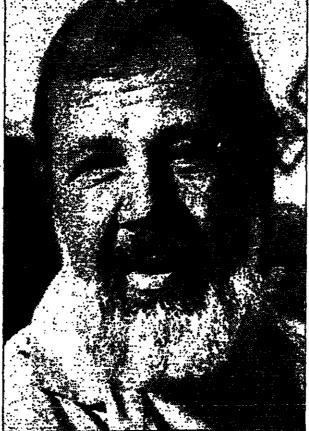
people were injured.
Mr Ferre Blanche was arrested in his home town of Ventersdorp, where the riot took place on August 9 when AWB militants demonstrated against a political raily addressed by President de Klerk. Others arrested included Mr Terre Blanche's brother. Andries, and Pier Rudolph, the AWB secretary-

general. The raids came after the recent arrest of about a dozen. nection with bomb attacks on multiracial schools, judicial

buildings and post offices in the Transvaal. The AWB is the most important extra-par-. liamentary component of the extreme right which has vowed to combat the reform process. The arrests are a signal that Pretoria will no longer tolerate the AWB's threats of armed revolt. Mr Terre Blanche, aged

47, and his associates appeared at Ventersdorp magistrate's court before being released on bail of £20 each. No charges were put to them by the state prosecutor and the case was adjourned until March 9. Judicial sources said they were provisionally charged with public violence and further arrests were expected soon. The group stood in a straight line in court as AWB members watched si-lently from the public gallery. Mr. Terre Blanche told re-

porters later that the "repression" demonstrated the gov ernment's insincerity in inviting the right wing to participate in negotiations on the country's future.



Eugene Terre Blanche: accused government of insincerity over constitutional talks

Way clear for women priests

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

AN ATTEMPT to seek a court injunction to stop the ordination of Anglican women priests was rejected yesterday, enabling Australia's first such ceremony to go ahead this weekend.

The victory for the Right Rev Owen Dowling, Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, and II women he has fought for the right to ordain was confirmed in a final judgment by Justice Andrew Rogers in the New South Wales Supreme Court. The injunction to stop the ordinations was sought by senior clergy of Bishop Dowling's own diocese. They intend to appeal against the judgment.

"I am relieved and excited now that I can look forward at last to being what I feel God has called me to be," the Rev Gail Tabor. a deacon. said after the judgment. Bishop Dowling faces the possibility of disciplinary action by

Ragged Muslim refugees pin hopes on Burma border talks

FROM AHMED FAZL IN DHECHUA PALONG ON THE BANGLADESH-BURMA BORDER leave behind when the sol-

SMOKE from straw fires rose over Dhechua Palong refugee camp as Noorjahan Begum woke up early yesterday to see Colonel Ali Hasan and three aides being flown across the border to the town of Mangdaw. He will hold talks with the Burmese army there which may decide her

destiny.

Dhechua Palong camp is a hurriedly built collection of bamboo huts, near the border town of Teknaf, in a valley where during the war a British platoon fighting the Japanese had established a base. Mrs Begum came out of her hut, built on a low concrete bunker abandoned by the British, as two Bangladeshi helicopters carrying the officials flew low over the camp.

The refugee, aged 30, is still recovering from the torment of seeing her husband killed by Burmese soldiers, and from the subsequent rapes she was subjected to for three days by the troops. She clings to the hope of finding her son. aged seven, whom she had to

diers dragged her out of her village. She arrived at the camp last Friday with her old mother. About 8,000 Burmese

Muslims, known as Rohingyas, are sheltering in the crowded Dhechua Palong camp, where sanitation and medical facilities are scarce. Another 20,000 Burmese Muslims have found refuge in the neighbouring town of Naikhangchari. As Colonel Hasan began

negotiations with senior Bur-

mese military commanders yesterday, a fresh tide of Burmese Muslims arrived at the border, raising their number in Bangladesh to more than 65,000. "The flood of refugees has continued over the past week." Dauduzzaman Chowdhury, the local district commissioner, said. "We are setting up a new camp for 1,000 families living in the open." The official Bangladesh news agency said that 900 refugees entered Teknaf

from Thamongkhali, a small

Burmese border town, or Monday. Bangladeshi officials said

that Colonel Hasan will tell his Burmese counterpart to pull back the estimated 80.000 Burmese troops, deployed at the height of tension between Burma and Bangladesh, along the 176-mile border that runs beside the Arakan hills. Dhaka is also insisting on the early repatriation of the refugees who are a strain on one of the world's poorest countries. Two earlier meetings be-tween rival military com-

manders had failed to resolve the conflict after Burma accused Bangladesh of aiding Muslim rebels against Ran-goon. Dhaka blames Burma's military rulers of inflicting atrocities on the Muslim minority in the western province of Arakan, forcing many of them to flee their homes. The two countries began massing troops on the border after a clash between their security forces on December 21.

partly for fear of defection.

and the reported grounding

of many planes for the same

reasons suggest that such a

Meanwhile, a game of

make-believe appears to be in

progress, in which the prime

conspirators are Mr Yeltsin,

Marshal Yevgeni Shaposh-

nikov, the interim common-

All seem to recognise that

to be encouraging the officer

UN envoy

presses

Serbs

FROM JOHIN PHALLIPS

A UNITED Nations special

plan by leaders of Serbian

Zagorie that once belomged

those concerned still have res-

ervations". He evidently was

referring above all to the re-jection on Monday of the UN proposals by Milan Babic, the leader of the self-styled

'Serbian Republic of

move would not succeed.

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29 1992 Socialite

jailed for life Vienna: A prominent Vien-

nese socialite was jailed for life yesterday in a dramatic murder case after the Austrian supreme court ruled that an earlier sentence had been too lenient.

Udo Proksch, aged 56, who owned Vienna's elite Demei coffee house, had been jailed for 20 years last March for the murder of six seamen who died when a ship he had chartered sank in the Indian Ocean in 1977. A multimillion dollar investigation, which included a deep-sea search for the wrecked freighter, Lucona, concluded that it was blown up from inside in an attempted insurance swindle. The prosecution also appealed against the

Judge Ferdinand Streller. who increased the sentence, said that the Lucona case was an insurance swindle un-equalled in Austrian legal history for which Proksch had spent years planning. He said that the court's decision was final and it would not consider further appeals. (Reuter)

Yaoundé, Cameroon: Police here rounded up hundreds of young Muslims after riots in which at least three people were killed. Jean Fochive, the head of national security, said that he would not tolerate sectarian conflict. (Reuter)

members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations ended a two-day summit here with a pledge to form a free trade area by 2008. They also agreed to step up talks on regional security. (Reuter)

Party plea

Algiers: Algeria's former ruling National Liberation Front, in disarray after the end of three decades in pow-er, asked its leaders, who had earlier resigned, to stay on and called a national confer-ence for next month. (AP)

Work opening

Taipel: Taiwan plans to let-mainland Chinese work in the island for the first time since the Communist take-over of China in 1949. The more is intended to ease the nationalist island's severe shortage of labour. (Reuter)

Condom blast

including police officers, were injured when bombs were thrown by a mob at stands which were celebrating the Social Marketing Company's sale of a billion condoms in

Exile returns Kenyan opposition figure and former political prisoner, returned after a three-month exile. His father, Oginga Odinga, is interim chairman of the Forum for the Restora-

who remained faced arrest.

Coupons out

Peking: Shanghai has aboling stable prices. (Reuter)

Harare: Saily Mugabe, aged 60, the Ghanaian wife of President Mugabe of Zimbaowe, who died on Monday, has been declared a national hero. She will be buried at the National Heroes Acre here on Saturday. (Reuter)

Algiers: Heavy rain and snow have killed at least 12 people in Algeria, including a buildozer driver swept asvay while doing rescue work The storms, which affected live provinces, have also left hundreds homeless: (Reuter)

THE FACTOR OF THE

Night shift.

Yeltsin plays for time amid collapse of military Sevastopol of most of the navy, partly for lack of fuel,



Shaposhnikov: thinks one army is unrealistic

nounced trip to Novorossiysk. the Russian Federation's only large southern port, at a time when he was expected to be opening Middle East peace talks in Moscow, shows how seriously the Russian leadership views the state of the former Soviet armed forces.

But his visit may be less an attempt to prevent their fragmentation than to allay the worries of naval commanders until the process becomes irreversible and, as far as possible, harmless. Amid much huffing, puffing and bluffing, the high command of the armed forces has started to admit that the 3.75 millionstrong armed forces are breaking up. It still appears to believe, however, that the

With political change obscuring the line of command, the breakdown of the Soviet armed forces appears irreversible, Mary Dejevsky reports from Moscow

In a recent newspaper in-terview, Nikolai Stolyarov, the chairman of the high command's military committee, urged leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States to denounce "the trend towards disintegration", adding, in a tone of menace: "The army is more stable than the commonwealth."

The state of the armed forces has been made plain in the army newspaper, Kras-naya Zvezda. Although a recent front-page article insisted that the combat readi-

40 die in

rocket

air attack

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ABOUT 40 people were re-

ported killed in Azerbaijan yesterday when a civilian beli-

copter was shot down by a rocket. Tass quoted senior

Azeri officials in Nagorno-

Karabakh, the disputed Ar-

menian enclave, saying that the helicopter was flying into

the enclave from the town of Agdam in Azerbaijan. The

crew and all passengers, in-

cluding women and children,

Britain yesterday called for

fresh efforts by the interna-

tional community to promote

a peaceful settlement in the

territory, where 45 Azer-baijanis and 15 Armenians

had already been killed in

London expressed concern

about the deteriorating situa-tion, and gave a veiled warn-

ing to the two republics that their applications to join the

United Nations and the Con-

ference on Security and Co-

operation in Europe (CSCE) would be blocked if they did

not restrain their gunmen.

Britain said it might invoke

the human rights provisions

of the CSCE, and called on

the two sides to use the dis-

Fighting flared again over

the weekend in the disputed

enclave. Tass said yesterday

that fighting was continuing in the village of Karin-Tak and several houses had been

Coulful violin solos are a

Ocommon extra in Buda-

pest restaurants, lashings of

vibrato and stormy finales

recalling the 19th-century

battle for coffee-house supe-

riority between Austria and

and inflation is running at

35 per cent. As the cost of

living spirals more and more

evening out.

burnt down.

pute settlement mechanism.

fierce new fighting.

were killed.

ness of the commonwealth's strategic forces was unimpaired, facts and figures adduced elsewhere suggest the forces are disintegrating.

The next day, a front-page article declared: "Whatever the situation in the army, desertion is never justified." It said that between 1983 and November 1991 more than 6,000 men were "wanted" for desertion. The figure since that date, when President Gorbachev declared an amnesty, is 1,600. The article said that 10,000 servicemen

in Ukraine had refused to swear allegiance to the repub-lic and "a proportion of them have left their units without leave". One of 35 Russians who had deserted from units in the Transcaucasus and travelled home together was quoted as saying he had acted because the barracks had been shot at and he did not want to swear allegiance to Azerbaijan.

Another deserter spoke of the unclear line of command. Before, I knew that we were subordinate to the Odessa military district, then it turned out we did not know whom we were subordinate to; Moldavia, Ukraine or Russia. First the Azerbaijanis left, then the Georgians. Now it's

the turn of the Russians." Commentaries in the army



and conservative Russian press argue that a break-up of the Soviet army is too dangerous a prospect to allow. Some suggest that the army could take the law into its own hands and act as a separate political force, as it has done. for instance, in Yugoslavia. But morale among soldiers, the confinement to port at

wealth commander, and perhaps President Kraychuk of the notion of a mighty com-monwealth army will never be realised. Yet they also seem

corps to believe that they and their once united army have continued political influence

Muslims held

Trade pledge

Singapore: Leaders of the six

OF AFR

emissary shuttling around Yugoslavia said yesterday that the ceasefire which has Dhaka: At least 50 people lasted 25 days was sufficiently robust to allow the deployment of 10,000 "blue heret" peacekeepers. But the envoy. Marrack Goulding, a Briton, indicated after talks with Croatian leaders in Zagreb that the rejection of the UN peace Bangladesh. (AFP)

enclaves in Croatia remains a sumbling block.
"One of the conditions Nairobi: Raila Odinga, a which has always been there — a reasonably stable ceasefire — has now been fulfilled." Mr Goulding said after nearly three hours of talks with President Tudjman tion of Democracy. (AFP) of Croatia, held in the Villa

Aborigines go

"Sadly people are still dy-ing." Mr Goulding said. "But most of the alleged ceasefire violations are relatively mi-Sydney: The police removed all but four of a group of Aborigines who had occupied the Old Padiament House in nor." However, he added: Canberra to protest against the long domination of Euro-The other condition is that all those concerned should accept the plan and be prepeans in Australia. The four pared to co-operate with UN personnel. There are one or two other points in which

> ished the use of coupons for state stibsidised sugar, eggs and salt, saying supply of the commodities was open. The coupons were part of a supply

Harare hero ∹

Storm victims

Karisruhe: Germany's highest court overturned a ban-off night work for women dating from Bismarck's reforms of 1891. The federal constitutional court said it discribinated against women and

Russian chief emerges at Black Sea warship talks

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin of Russia, who vanished from Moscow on the eve of the Moscow round of talks on the Middle East, turned up yesterday morning in the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk with a day of engagements which included addressing commanders of the Black Sea fleet. A large group of officers were reported to have gathered in the port, including Admiral Igor Kasatonov, the fleet's commander.

Admiral Kasatonov has led a campaign against plans by the Ukrainian leadership to place all troops in the republic, including most of the Black Sea fleet, under Ukrainian command. The main naval port on the Black Sea is Sevastopol in the Crimea, but the Crimea - despite Russian opinions to the contrary - is

administered by Ukraine. A statement issued yesterday afternoon by Pavel Voshanov, President Yeltsin's sman, said Mr Yeltsin

Lenin's library renamed

By MARY DEJEVSKY

THE Lenin Library, the former Soviet Union's chief copyright library, has been renamed the Russian State Library. The change of name for the library, long regarded as a centre of academic excellence, was enacted in a decree signed by President Yeltsin late on Monday. Igor Filippov, aged 36, was appointed director.

Last November the library - a forbidding, grey building not far from the Kremlin was closed temporarily by health inspectors who said it was unsanitary. Some believed that the closure was intended to pre-empt a threat by poorly paid library staff to go on strike. It reopened in the new year.

Moscow city inspectors had justified the closure by pointing to crowded working conditions and dust levels in the air two to ten times higher than permitted limits. Lighting was so bad that readers were advised to bring their own lamps and light bulbs.

The former Soviet government agreed to renovate the library five years ago and signed a contract worth \$265 million (£150 million) with a Yugoslav company, but it was unable to come up with the money. The Russian government will now fund the neces-

sary repairs.

The Lenin Library was founded by Count Nikolai Rumyantsev in 1861 and was given to the Russian imperial family after he died. The Soviet government nationalised the library after the bolshevik revolution and renamed it to honour Lenin. It houses 40 million volumes and is used by between 2,000

and 10,000 readers each day. It is one of the last big institutions in Moscow to lose Lenin's name. The feeling is that the closure of the mausoleum on Red Square cannot

be far behind. After the failed August coup, which led to the collapse of the Soviet Communist party and the communist state. Lenin's reputation has monuments to the former leader have been removed.

was visiting the Black Sea fleet "in the framework of preparations" for the forthcoming session of the United Nations Security Council and his meetings with President Bush, Brian Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister. John Major and leaders of other states with whom he intended to discuss nuclear security problems.

The statement said Mr Yeltsin was staying on board the cruiser Moskva "to acquaint himself with its technical characteristics and meet its crew". He was accompanied by Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, the commonwealth armed forces commander. Interfax, the independent news agency. quoted Mr Yeltsin as saying vesterday that Russia would take "all measures" to ensure continued supply shipments by air and sea routes from two Russian ports to the Black

President Kravchuk of Ukraine meanwni push ahead with plans to build a Ukrainian navy "on the basis" of the Black Sea fleet, and asserted that Ukraine had a "strong legal basis" under commonwealth

agreements for doing so. From Novorossiysk, Georgi Khobotov, the city's administrator and a Yeltsin appointee, denied rumours that the Russian leader would designate the port the new head quarters of the Black Sea fleet. He told Tass: "On



Watanabe: unable to meet Yeltsin

the contrary, we have just agreed that land formerly used by the military on the edge of the city will be used for housing.

As Mr Yeltsin arrived in Novorossiysk, the city's dock workers were reported to be on strike, demanding higher pay to offset recent price increases and a portion of their pay in dollars. Crews of the former Soviet merchant navy already receive an allowance in dollars.

Several of the engagements Mr Yeltsin cancelled unexpectedly on Monday, including a meeting with James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and an interview with the BBC television programme Panorama, have been rescheduled for today. Mr Baker is to be received with all ceremony in St Catherine's hall in the Kremlin. Michio Watanabe, the Japanese foreign minister, however, declined a later meeting. saying that he had to return to Japan for the budget de-

bate in parliament. Gorbachev warning: Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, met Sir Roderic Braithwaite, the British ambassador, here on Monday and told him that the failure of reforms in the Commonwealth of Independent States would mean the defeat of democracy.

Gamsakhurdia bastion falls to Georgia rebels

Dress rehearsal: two members of the French special security forces taking up positions yesterday at the Olympic stadium in

Albertville, southeastern France, where the opening ceremony of the winter games will take place on February 8

which at least six people were killed, Georgian government forces yesterday seized one of the last strongholds of supporters loyal to the ousted

President Gamsakhurdia. Troops under the com-mand of Jaba Ioseliani, head of one of the two main forces making up the ruling military council, met no resistance as they moved into this Black Sea town. Armoured vehicles rumbled along the tree-lined streets as residents, mainly supporters of Mr Gamsakhurdia, boarded up win-

dows and remained indoors. "I'm very tired. It was a hard battle," Mr Ioseliani said at his temporary headquarters in Poti's yacht club. Local officials and the head of the town's hospital said six people were killed and at least 20 others injured in fighting

around a bridge to the north
of the town on Monday.
Mr Gamsakhurdia, elected
in a landslide victory last May, fled to Armenia three weeks ago after losing a bloody power struggle with the military council. He later returned to west Georgia, but his whereabouts for the past

week have been unknown. The fall of Poti was another serious blow to his attempt to regain power. He can now rely on support only in the port of Sukhumi, to the north, and the town of Zugdidi to the east. "Pori was the most difficult part of our job, but the war is not finished yet.

jobs to survive.

AFTER a day of fighting in Zugdidi and Sukhumi are vili, a psychologist from Toistill in the hands of Ga

khurdia," Mr Ioseliani said. Tass quoted Indiko Kobalia, the mayor of Zugdidi, as saying that supporters of Mr Gamsakhurdia were staging round-the-clock demonstrations in the town. "The city will not surrender and is rejecting all proposals from the government troops to start negotiations," he said.

Mr Ioseliani, carrying a Kalashnikov assault rifle and wearing a bandolier of bullets, predicted that the fight-

ing in Georgia might last up to two months. Many Poti residents vowed to resist the

military council "Our war is just beginning. There will be a lot of unrest and civil disobedience." shouted an old woman inspecting empty shells scattered around the northern bridge leading into Poti. The Tbilisi soldiers are criminals and drug addicts," she said. waving an empty syringe she

ediately removed a portrait of Mr Gamsakhurdia above the main door. An army lorry carrying a rocket launcher was parked outside, guarded by a dozen soldiers. Hundreds of frightened townspeople waited around the building, uneasily mingling with the government soldiers. At a Moscow airport yester-

who is travelling with the

troops, agreed that some men

were taking drugs. "I think that there will be a lot of

psychological problems when

the war ends because Geor-

gians are fighting Geor-

Mr Ioseliani's troops occu-

pied the town hall and imm-

gians," said.

day, about 50 supporters of Mr Gamsakhurdia staged a hunger strike inside a plane to complain about media reports about their leader. They said that newspaper and tele-vision reports from Moscow inaccurately portrayed him as

The supporters, most of whom live in towns in western Georgia which are Gamsakhurdia strongholds, hired a Tupolev-134 in the Black Sea port of Sukhumi on January 20 and set out for Moscow to stage their protest. They decided to return to Sukhumi on Monday. But they said the flight crew of their hired aircraft was detained at Vnukovo airport in Moscow and sent to Tbilisi on a different plane (Reuter)

RUSSIAN FEDERATION GEORGÍA TURKEY

Plumber adds strings to his capitalist bow

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN BUDAPEST

Hungarians are forced to trained manual worker. take second or even third Gabor Egervari, the violinist delivering Bartok and

Kodaly with fine feeling in the cafes around Budapest's Opera House by night, is a plumber by day and a taxi

said that he has the ideas and aspirations of a bourtheir cage. Now they drive geois intellectual but the liv-

ing standards of an un-As a party of German tourists seats itself, Mr Egervari abruptly abandons the classics for "If I Were A Rich

Man" from the musical Fiddler on the Roof. It is a staple of Budapest's cafe life

iron curtain frontier with Austria and let them out of

VW Golfs and we have inherited their Trabis." The city's stock exchange, set up in 1990 and praised by Margaret Thatcher as an investment beacon for the rest of

Blessing, music, photos then I'll drive you to the reception

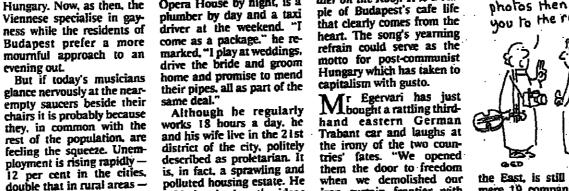


the East, is still trading a mere 19 companies, albeit with more than 50 brokers attending to them. One

scarcely knows whether to be impressed at the initiative or reminded of outdated socialist over-manning. he stock market had its first crash recently in response to the Yugoslav war.

The joke in Budapest's business circles is that its impact was so negligible at first that nobody noticed when Black Monday happened. For the new class of entre-

preneurs, however, life is sweet. They are the owners of the large cars lining city centre streets and their wives scrutinise the cut of the spring collections, just in from Paris and Rome on the main shopping street. Others are still getting the hang of it. Near by stand up to 40 Transylvanian peasant women, selling their homeembroidered tablecloths.



World is given a £134m bill to save the elephant

A HUGE injection of foreign aid is needed to save the African elephant from extinction as the human population on the continent is set to explode in the next two decades. Mostafa Tolba, the head of the United Nations Environment Programme, said yesterday.

in an impassioned speech at a conference in Natrobi on the future of the elephant. Dr Tolba told delegates from the 30 African countries with elephant populations that much of the \$240 million (£134 million) required will have to come from the rich countries of the northern hemisphere. If the wealthy countries of the world fail to come to the aid of the pachyderm, then "the elephant and its habitat will be destroyed, and the population will either be eliminated or it will be reduced to a few isolated remnants", he said.

The human population on the African continent stands at half a billion today but the United Nations estimates that this will rise to a billion in the next 23 years. If the elephant is to be preserved, then ever-increasing amounts of money are going to have to pay to keep herds safe, he said, as growing numbers of people, hungry for land, vie for the resources. Dr Tolba. pointed out that as Africans use far fewer resources than any others on the planet, telling them to conserve their

Africa's population, set to double in 23 years, will put pressure on parks, thereby endangering the elephant, Sam Kiley reports from Nairobi

Dr Tolba refused to be dragged into the debate on vhether the trade ban on ivory, imposed in 1989 under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species and which comes up for review at the next Cites meeting in Kyoto, Japan, in March, should be partially lifted. Southern African states like South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana have been lobbying for a partial freeze of the ban to enable them to sell their ivory surplus from elephant culls

However, in the eastern African states, conservationists oppose such a move, saying that the elephant population is still at risk from poachers. Ivory market or no ivory market, the African elephant population is going to be under enormous pressure." was all Dr Tolba would say.

Most of the countries attending the conference submitted plans to conserve their elephant populations for discussion at the five-day meeting. Their estimates of foreign aid required add up to about \$240 million over Much of the decline of the elephant population on the

continent, especially in Uganda, Tanzania, Zaire, and most of northwest Africa, has been due to government incompetence, civil war, and poaching. Nevertheless, many of the countries struggling to save the elephant have now given up about 10 per cent of lands over to national parks - considera-

bly more than anywhere else

in the world.

Rwanda, where only about 100 elephants remain, suffers elatively little from poaching but faces a growth in human population from 7.5 million to 15.6 million in 20 years. "This puts into doubt the long term future of the 10 per cent of land given now under protection," the Rwandan plan says. Civil war and poaching in Uganda has meant that the elephant population has dropped from 60,000 in the 1960s to about 1,910 last year. Uganda says it needs \$8.8 million to save these

from extinction. Liberia, where civil war has per cent of west Africa's 19,000 elephants. It has asked for \$1.2 million in aid. All the plans include large budgets for security - antipoaching units along Kenyan and Zimbabwean lines - as well as for education and capital investment.

Delegates hope that the meeting in Nairobi will produce a continent-wide conservation plan for the elephant. Mozambique has come up with the most spectacular plan — to integrate much of the south of the country into a conservation area which would include the Kruger National Park across the border in South Africa, forming the largest national park in the world. Mozambique's elephant population has fallen from about 65,000 in 1974 to 13,350 in 1990 as a result

But if and when peace comes to the country, it says it will require \$15.48 million to repair what its delegate described as the "destruction of the entire conservation infrastructure".

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Intelligence test: Kathryn Barnes, the second voungest recruit to Mensa, and her parents Gillian and Robert. Kathryn, four in April, has presented the society for highly intelligent people with the puzzle of how to cater for its younger members. Her success in tests set by a psychologist satisfied Mensa's membership rules, but Har-

old Gale, executive director, says the society has little to offer her: "We have a newsletter and regular meetings, but whether she can read the magazine or toddle into the back bar where her local branch meets is another matter." Kathryn, of Ipswich, has a 100-word vocabulary and enjoys chess and mathematical problems.

Italy faces shrinking future

ne: Italy now has the ed in the world (Paul ional Research Centre said Italian women have an average of 1.27 children each. down from 1.29 in 1990. The figure for Britain is 1.81. The centre said that if the trend continued within three years there would be more talians over 60 than under 20. By the year 2021 the population will have shrunk by 3.5 million.

Hidden wealth Cairo: Egyptian police, suspicious of Ezzat Sawi's sudden wealth, accused him of rob-

bing a jewellery shop but the labourer said he had sold a kidney for £20,000. (Reuter) Father's victory

Los Angeles: A judge ruled that a banker should have full parental rights to the fourear-old son of his former girlfriend even though he was the father. (Reuter)

Wombat shame Sydney: The Lithgow Wombats, a minor league Australian basketball team, were ordered off court after officials said they were too drunk

to continue. (Reuter)

CONCENTRATIONS OF AFRIÇAN

Pinatubo sunsets put ozone at risk

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE eruption of Mount Pin- cists using laser beams to atubo in the Philippines in study the upper atmosphere have detected material that sets around the world, but : atmospheric scientists fear that the particles causing the deep violet skies are also dam-

aging the ozone layer. Yesterday, Guy Brasseur, director of the atmospheric chemistry division at the atmospheric research centre in Boulder, Colorado, said that the aerosols responsible for the sunsets might wipe out as much as a tenth of the ozone layer and temperatures for

the next two years.

Dr Brasseur said that he was especially concerned about the effect this spring. Every fall of 1 per cent in ozone leads to a 2 per cent. increase in ultra-violet radiation reaching the earth from the sun, increasing dangers of skin cancer. He said that the ozone will recover, but the effect might last about a year

At the University College of Wales in Aberystwyth, physicific is at its peak this month.

they believe is Pinatubo debris. Professor Lance Thomas says that the observations so far are insufficient to identify the material, but suggest that it contains ash or dust as well - as the tiny sulphate particles that have the greatest effect on the weather.

The Pinatubo eruption, which began on 9 June, produced huge amounts of sulphur dioxide and hydrogen sulphide gas, which con-densed at high altitudes into a mist that has gradually spread around the world.

Professor Thomas is in no doubt that recent sunsets in Britain have owed something to Pinatubo. According to David Parker, of the Meteorological Office, the time to look is half an hour after sunset, when a purple glow in the sky in the direction in which the sun set indicates

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Falk, best known for his television portrayal of the rumpled detective in Colombo, has stopped paying her mitton and board at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, contrary to the terms of her parents' divorce

C & C Music Factory topped the list of winners at the 19th American Music Awards. The group was voted best



band and best new arrist in the rock and roll and dance music categories. Natalie condition" should speed her Cole (above) took two awards

Peter Falk's daughter, Cafe- for best adult contemporary crime, aged 21, is suing him to get him to abide by an agreement to pay her college costs. The suit alleges that the suit alleges the suit all s mixing of her voice singing along with that of her father, the late Nat King Cole.

> Wang Meng, the reformist Chinese culture minister sacked after the 1989 democracy movement, appeared at an international art festival in Peking in an apparent rebuff to his conservative opponents.

Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals has named Michael Douglas and Jodie Poster as their 1992 Man and Woman of the Year. Foster will be honoured with a parade through Har-vard Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Actress and exercise guru Jane Fonda underwent surgery for a knee injury she suffered in a skiing accident. the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Centre said. Dr James Andrews said that her "excellent physical

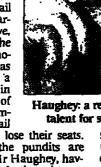
An Irish cat with nine lives

Conor Cruise O'Brien wonders if Mr Haughey will fight another day

oliticians and political commentators here in Dublin are confidently assuming that Charles Haughey is as good as gone. He has "no option" but to go, we are told, he is "bowing to the inevitable". All this gives me a strong sense of dėjà vu. Nine years ago, in the days when Mr Haughey and I enriched the political vocabulary with the word GUBU. exactly the same noises were made on the eve of a critical meeting of the Fianna Fail parliamentary party. Then, just as now, all political speculation was concentrated on who would succeed Mr Haughey. That he would go was taken for granted. Had he not intimated as much to senior political colleagues (just as he was doing last week)? He had, but he didn't go. He may be going now. but I'll believe it when I see it.

It is true that the odds against his being able to hold on appear to be fearsome. A poll at the end of

last week showed that 73 per cent of the population want him to go, and that includes 53 per cent of Fianna Fail. Almost all of his cabinet colleagues want him to go, as do almost ali the Fianna Fail parliamentary party. The alternative, after all - if the Progressive Democrats are as good as their word - is a general election in which a number of



talent for survival

bers of the Dail would inevitably lose their seats. Virtually all the pundits are convinced that Mr Haughey, having contemplated the circumstances and the disastrous alternative, will go quietly. After all, it is being said, he is "a cool pragmatist". But, one has to ask. cool pragmatist about what? If it is a question, say, of sacrificing an old friend such as Brian Lenihan in order to stay in power, why then C.J. Haughey is as cool a pragmatist as you could meet on a dark night. But if there is a threat to his own power, the record shows that Mr Haughey is not so much a cool pragmatist as a ruthless no-holdsbarred little scrapper. And there is still, pace the pundits, a fighting

option open to him. Mr Haughey has still a Fianna Fail trump card to play. That trump card is the question "Are you going to allow the leader of another party to determine the time at which the leader of Fianna Fail shall step down?" That is a question with powerful resonance in the Irish nationalist tradition. It was, in essence, the question that Charles Stewart Parnell put to his followers 101 years ago when Gladstone demanded that he should go. Parnell put it in the form: "Are you going to abandon your leader at the bidding of an

Englishman?" It is true that Desmond O'Malley, leader of the Progressive Democrats, is not an Englishman, but Mr O'Malley is a renegade from Fianna Fail, which puts him squarely in the tradition of Dermot McMurragh and his prototype, Judas Iscariot. So Mr Haughey has a marvellous rallying cry, if and when he chooses

to raise it He has not raised it yet at full volume, but he sent out a clear preliminary signal last week. On Thursday, he chaired a meeting of Fianna Fail's national executive, which issued a statement denouncing the Progressive Democrats. That was a warning to the parliamentary party and an appeal to the grassroots. That message has been reinforced this week by a well-attended meeting of Mr Haughey's constituency organis-ation in Dublin North Central. which called upon him to stay on and breathed defiance against the 'conspiracy" to get rid of him. Mr Haughey's son Sean told the meeting that his father was "in perfect physical health and well capable of leading Fianna Fall for many years to come". On the same day, Mr Haughey issued a statement to the effect that "he is not

actively supporting any of the candidates" in a possible contest. This has been generally interpreted in the media here as an implicit declaration of intent to stand down. probably tomor-

row. We shall see. The crucial issue now is the timing. Mr Haughey has said he will go at a time of his own choosing. The Progressive Democrats insist he must

go "immediately" after today's Budget, and it was as-

sumed up to the end of last week that Mr Haughey would step down at tomorrow's meeting of the parliamentary party. Not so, it now seems. The statement about the future of the leadership is reserved for a special meeting on Wednesday of next week.

I don't know what Mr Haughey will tell that meeting, but I think it will be short of the unconditional surrender now so confidently predicted. He may set a date near enough to seem reasonable to Fianna Fail, but far enough off to worry the Progressive Democrats. Or he may dely the latter openly. by declining to set a date under duress from them. In short he may either risk or precipitate a general election. But whatever he does. Fianna Fail is likely to swallow it. once Mr Haughey has inveighed against allowing the Progressive Democrats to dictate the leadership of Fianna Fail. So we may be headed towards a general election. If so, Fianna Fail, still led by Mr Haughey, is going to lose a number of seats. At that point, a diminished Fianna Fail parliamentary party may nerve itself to oust Mr Haughey. But I wouldn't like to bet even on that.

I doubt whether Mr Haughey has yet made up his mind about the exact nature of the statement he will make tomorrow. But whatever he says, there will be concern about the dignity of his position as leader of Fianna Fail and about his place in history. These concerns will not be easily compatible with the demand of the PDs that he depart "immediately" after the Budget. So there may be more difficulties ahead.

As a writer threatens his publisher, Philip Howard surveys this eternally difficult relationship

¬ he relationship between publisher and author is fraternal. But the brothers are Cain and Abel, and the sisters are Cinderella and her stepsisters. It is a parasitic love-hate affair. easy on the love.

However, it seldom becomes as violent as the relations between the novelist John Healy and his publisher, the trendy house of Faber & Faber. Mr Healy is the author of a novel called The Grass Arena. which tells of the redemption through chess of an alcoholic exboxer, ex-convict, ex-dosser, alarmingly like Mr Healy. When it was televised by BBC2 earlier this month, the television critics praised the realistic depiction of chaotic life among the winos, and dropped in references to the nastier circles of Dante's Inferno.

The novel has sold 2,855 copies in hardback, and 15,000 in paperback, which is jolly good. But Mr Healy grumbles that he has received only £8,364 and that his publishers are not trying hard enough. The chairman of Faber, Matthew Evans, said yesterday: "He has been telling the press for three years that we are a middleclass élitist publishing house, and that Robert McCrum [Faber's fiction editor and I are middleclass wallies." In addition, Healy Brought to book

has threatened to throw acid in Mr Evans's face and to creep up behind Mr McCrum in the dark and hammer him to death. Faber has announced that it will publish no more of Mr Healy's books.

A literary editor is a battered non-competent in this uncivil war. Authors and publishers each bend his ear with horror stories about the greed and incompetence of the other. Always divide any advance royalty figure either party tells you by three: they only do it to annoy their rivals and boost their egos and hype their books.

This is just the normal relationship between author and publisher carried to extremes in public. Most authors complain that their publishers are mercenary philistines who are robbing them, and that their books would be bestsellers if only the publishers would plaster the Underground with advertisements, and get them on the BBC's author-buttering shows. Publishers think of authors as feckless and egomaniac children, who are hopeless at business in the real world, and need to be kept chained to their word-processors. and released only once a year to be taken out to lunch, where they will drink too much. Both sides have a point. The making of books is a paranoid trade. Tennyson called his publisher

"a louse in the locks of literature", and Byron said of the original John Murray, "Barabbas was a publisher". It is believed that he was referring to the gospel according to John: "now Barabbas was a robber". Edgar Allan Poe asserted that his publisher, trying to be literary, "talks about books pretty much as a washerwoman would about Niagara Fails or a poulterer

about a phoenix". Cyril Connolly wrote: "As repressed sadists are said to become policemen or butchers, so those with an irrational fear of life become publishers." Shaw said:
"Publishers combine commercial rascality with artistic touchiness and pettiness, without being either good businessmen or fine judges of literature. All that is necessary in the production of a book is an author and a bookseller, with-

out any intermediate parasite." There is a story of an author who was executed for murdering his publisher. They say that when the author was on the scaffold, he said goodbye to the priest and the reporters, and then saw some publishers sitting in the front row below, and to them he did not say goodbye. He said instead: "I'll see

Publishers have their own tales: about the vanity and ingratitude of authors, related discreetly at dinners of the Society of Bookmen. George Smith, his publisher, told: how Leigh Hunt did not know what to do with a cheque. So Smith gave him banknotes in an envelope. Two days later, Leigh Hunt came in a great state of agitation to say he had thrown the envelope with the banknotes inside carelessly down, and his wife had flung it into the fire. So Smithdragged Leigh Hunt off to the Bank of England to try to salvage the burnt money. And Leigh Hunt said to the solemn officials: "And this is the Bank of England! and do you sit here all day, and never

see the green woods and the trees and flowers and the charming country? Are you contented with such a life?"

Of course, sometimes a publisher does fail to appreciate a book according to its merits. Bernard Ouarisch could not sell Edward Fitzgerald's translation of the Rubaivar at half a crown, so he put it in the penny reject box outside the door. This does not happen often. Publishers are professionals in the puffing business, and are preny good judges of the market for a

book. It is their living. Most serious authors today have agents, who reduce the possibility of commercial misunderstanding and paranoia. The new standard contract says that an author has a right to be told such professional secrets as the number of copies of his book printed and to be consulted on such matters as the jacket.

It has become possible for authors to publish their own books by desktop publishing. But most cannot face the laborious admin and roechanics of bookmaking and distribution. Relations be-tween publishers and authors are becoming gradually more profes-sional. But after this Healy/Faber affair, the louder an author talks about literature, the faster will his publisher count his hammers.

All the president's prose

Peter Stothard examines the White House team behind

last night's keynote address

oday the president's men will allow themselves to exhale a short sigh of relief. The State of the Union address is done. The which was heralded as the "defining event of the presihas been finished. The of bitter bureaucratic battling to compress the Bush reelection message into a single hour of applause-spangled prose are over.

These are nervous times at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Almost three-quarters of the American electorate judge the country to be in worse condition today than it was five years ago, the highest figure since the so-called "malaise" days of Jimmy Carter. The president's 43 per cent approval rating, less than half of what it was after the Gulf war, has already cost the job of the White House chief of staff, John Sununu. But since his replacement by the kinder, gentler Sam Skinner, almost everyone in the junior ranks has been afraid of losing his or her iob too. The newspapers have daily been filled with stories about which adviser is to be sacked next and which departments will disappear.

The most influential man in the White House today is — appropriately enough - an opinion pollster, Robert Teeter. In 1988, his mastery of the nation's "perceptual map" helped George Bush overcome his weaknesses as an upper-class élitist. Today, the man who tells the president what the nation wants him to say has an even more powerful role in the reelection campaign.

For the past fortnight, Mr Teeter had been stoking up interest in last night's speech to the point where White House rivals could see only inevitable disappointment ahead. In a city where political experts calibrate public

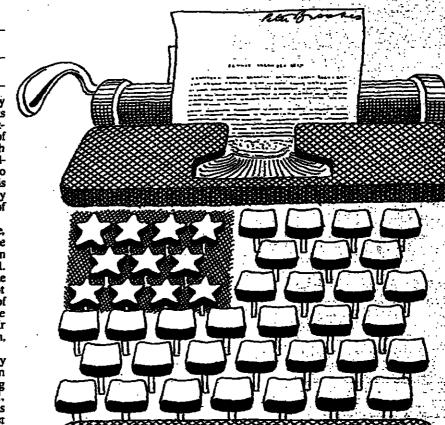
expectations as carefully as a brain surgeon cuts capillaries, last night's ritual almost went out of control. President Bush himself had been excitedly urging the nation to "tune in". as though his address was a lottery draw, not a laundry-list of

economic policies. On Mr Teeter's advice, much of the substance had deliberately been announced beforehand. What was left was the rhetoric, the work not of high-level aides, but of lowly speechwriters, the "kids of politics" as their doyenne, Peggy Noonan, once termed them.

It seemed odd to many Republicans that a man so utterly lacking in rhetorical skill, who munches syntax as though it were breakfast cereal, should set so much store by the power of oratory. White House spokesman Marlin Fitz-

water talked darkly this week of the dangers of expecting too much from one event "Political opponents have tried to raise the bar so high it can't be jumped over," he said. But it was hard to think of an opponent who had done as much to draw attention to last night's address than the men who wrote it and supplied policy for it, and the man who delivered it.

Mr Bush, who relies for almost everything else upon a close-knit group of advisers, depends for his speeches on people who are not his natural soulmates. The senior writer, former columnist and editorial page editor Tony Snow, describes himself as "your basic inkstained wretch", and a year ago described Mr Bush and his Ateam as "a band of patronizing



white boys whose fumbling lover the issue of racially selected scholarships) virtually ensures vivid and ugly warfare on issues of race during the 1992 elections". In 1990, according to Mr Snow, President Bush's White House was "suffused with arrogance and insulated entirely from the real world". It was as if an android were in the Oval Office, he suggested. The motto of the president's smart boys was "all for one and one for one", he said, a twisted creed which men like the White House budget director. Richard Darman, were seen to enforce

with Torquemadan zeal". . The reason for quoting these lines is neither to embarrass Mr Snow, who is now a respected smart boy himself, nor to inflame

Mr Darman, a man who has been insulted so often that water off a duck's back is no longer a sufficient metaphor for his ability to. shrug off abuse. The point is that even a word-blind president might reasonably try to assemble writers closer to him in spirit and thought than those presently available to Mr Bush. Why does Mr Bush rely upon a speech-writing machine in which young ideologues battle like board-game players?

her memoirs Peggy Noonan aptly describes Washington as a city which "both esteems and dislikes writers, a city of powerful men whoare often inarticulate and who dislike being reminded of their condition by the presence of a pale

and nervous wordsmith" She herself was an influential in putting some of her best words into the mouths of Ron-Bush in the 1980s. This have suggested that Bush should have brought her back to put more poetry into his State of the

But today's White House speechwriters dare not do for their president what, for example, that brilliant sparkler of prose Sir Ronald Millar did for Margaret Thatcher: that is, give counsel coaching and comfort. The more powerful people become in the Washington bureaucracy, the more they have to lose by being associated with anything so unpredictable as a good or bad phrase. Far better to leave that to more expendable mortals.

Earlier this week as part of the White House shuffling designed to sharpen the president's fable and highly respected spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, was given a

grander title, "counsellor to the president and press secretary". Asked whether this meant he had responsibility for speeches. Mr Fitzwater: reacted firmly: "No. Believe me. I don't ever . . . I never want to be involved in that."

Last night's address will not solve the problems of the Bush presidency. It will reopen a war with Congress which the White House has probably neither the principle nor passion to win. It will not affect the president's most powerful re-election weapon: the inadequacies of the Democrats who want his job. It will not create some mystic turning point on the declining graph of the president's popularity. What is worrying is that so many people thought that it might

...and moreover

alone in this even bleaker railway carriage, except for thoughts yet bleaker still; for I have just left Temple Meads. A footnote here, lest you be caught wrong-footed as to the source of my bleakness. Though Temple Meads may sound like a Scott Fitzgerald heroine, lissom, tawny, velvet-eyed, a wayward brunette curl to stop the hearts of all West Egg. a deceptively whippy cross-court backhand, delivered, perhaps, with that same high tinkling laugh you will find lingering on the soft summer air just after she has expertly slewed her yellow roadster through a tricky chicane that would have overturned most men, she is not, I have to tell you the sole heiress of crusty old Senator

leak night, and I utterly

is Bristol's railway station, and looks it. And I am feeling bleak only because, though I appear to be staring out at the chill Avon night, that inward eye which is the misery of solitude is focussing upon Sir lain Vallance, standing in the Old Bailey dock. Sporting long sideburns, a penmoustache, a Tattersall waistcoat, two-tone shoes, gold bracelets and a diamond stick-pin, the Chairman of British Telecom is up before the beak on several million charges of living off immoral earnings. But he is smirking confidently. He knows he will get away with it.

The jury are all BT shareholders. Oh, at last, you cry, we know

Meads, the pickle billionaire.

and she is not my mistress. She

what this is all about, this is all about the news that 25 million obscene phone calls are made annually in Britain, we were wondering about that ourselves, does it mean 25 million people are each making one dirty phone call a year, does it mean 25 thousand people are making three dirty phone calls a day, however you slice it it is all pretty unsavoury, and not the least unsavoury part is that BT is cleaning up, if only metaphorically, that is why he has put old Vallance in the dock. But you are wrong.

Oh. very well then, you mutter, he must be on about all those mucky 0898 services, it is high time someone copped it for the epidemic of nasty little earners. what a far and horrible cry it is from that golden age when all you could get was TIM and UMP, the world is going to hell on a hand-set - but you are. I'm afraid, wrong again.

For there is more to this than meets the ear: the immorality whereof I speak lies not in pandering to the tastes of the mucky minority, but in exploiting the vulnerability of the innocent majority. In short, we are talking true corruption here: because the human desire on which BT is battening for gain does not concern the phone's improper abuse, but its proper use. It is, quite simply, our desire for the telephone itself. The irresistibility of which such wicked advantage is being taken is merely the instrument's own. because what Sir Iain knows is that if the telephone is there. the temptation to use it is overwhelming.
And because of the burgeon-

ing of communication technology, and the communication commerce it feeds, it is there more and more. It is nearly everywhere, and any day now it will be absolutely everywhere. Last night, I slept in a small Bristol hotel which, when I last stayed in it some dozen years ago, offered only the services of a lobby booth and a diffiden operator. Now you can dial Peking from your bath. I did not dial Peking, but I dialled, for who could resist? And when, a little later, I hailed a cab to take me to the station, there was a payphone in the cab; had the journey been a few yards longer. should unquestionably have thought of someone to call.

And yes, the drift has not escaped you. I boarded the train, I threw my bag on the rack, and, as I sat down, I spotted the phone. When I say I did not need to phone, I mean only that I did not need to phone anyone, not that I did not need to phone. Oh, I fought the need for a while, but after the while had duly ebbed I turched to the buffet, and I bought a BT phonecard, and I lurched back again. and I phoned my wife, and she said why are you phoning, and I said to tell you I'm on my way home, and she said you told me that from the bath an hour ago.

So I have returned to my bleak seat to stare out of my bleak window and think bleak thoughts about Sir lain. I may try to ring

Neither shy nor retiring

IN THE Falklands they named a day after her, in Kuwait a street. In New York on Monday night, people paid \$10,000 a table to sit in the same room. Mrs Thatcher may have become a prophet without honour in her own land. but the rest of the world remains spellbound.

Mrs Thatcher was at the Waldorf Astoria to receive a Lifeline award from the Variety Club for her work for children's charities. True, she has always preferred charity to welfare, and Denis has done his bit for charity golf tournaments, but Mrs Thatcher as Mother Teresa is an unlikely

The reason was apparent: thanks to her presence the dinner raised \$500,000. "But for her magnetism we would have attracted much less," declared the compère. The band played "Land of Hope and Glory" (several times), Gilbert and Sullivan, but not "God Save the Queen". Anthony Quinn and Douglas Fairbanks Junior danced attendance.

The award was presented by Henry Kissinger, a man who could read his laundry-list with diplomatic gravitas. He implied that almost single-handedly she had saved the world from tyranny. Mrs Thatcher seemed to agree, and graciously thanked America for its contribution to liberty "on behalf of Britain". She then offered a 40-minute tour d'horizon of the new world order she had helped bring about.

After revealing how she had discovered him, she grew wistful about Mr Gorbachev, "One who blazes the trail is not always the one who in the end sees the promised land." Never mind, there are compensations. By next year,



Gorbachev will probably have joined the lucrative club of former world statesmen, touring the world's most expensive hotels, presenting awards to each other.

 Mark Tully, the BBC's veteran Delhi correspondent, is to be awarded the Padma Shree, the Indian equivalent of a CBE. It is rare for a foreigner to receive the award from the government, but for a journalist to receive it, particularly after upsetting the government so often, is an unprecedented tribute.

Into print

DESPITE the recession in British publishing, an important new player is arriving on the scene. Anthony Cheetham, the former boss of Random Century, has wooed four of the six founder members of the original Century company to his new venture, Orion Books. Susan Lamb, head of publicity at Random Century, is the latest recruit it was disclosed yesterday. She joins Orion as marketing

The fast expanding Cheetham empire now has its eyes on the late Robert Maxwell's Macdonald group too. This would complete the circle, for the founders of Century worked there together before going their own way.

Sitting comfortably

THE artist Andrew Festing. whose portrait of the Queen will be unveiled today at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, was a bag of nerves when he arrived at Buckingham Palace. But within seconds of being introduced, the Queen put him at his ease by talking at length about the collection of ancient Japanese weapons owned by his late father, Field Marshal Francis Festing.

While my father would have been flattered to think the Queen knew so much about his collection.

I was astonished, says Festing

It came with the Polette-Knife, Ma'am JE W.



who had five sittings at the palace for the 9 ft-high picture of the Queen in garter robes. The royal briefing is clearly up to scratch."

YESTERDAY'S spat over VAT-between David Mellor, the chief secretary to the Treasury, and John Smith, the shadow chancellor, revived memories for him Callaghan's former aides of their campaign. To the dismay of his

liver a speech in the 1979 election campaign accusing the Tories of planning to double VAT. As Sir Geoffrey Howe, the then shadow chancellor, had categorically denied there would be such an increase. Callaghan thought the speech would backfire. But in Howe's first Budget. VAT was increased from 8 to 15 per cent. So did Callaghan, now Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, regret his decision? "I couldn't say. I can't remember the speech.

• The ship that fired the opening shots of the Russian Revolution may be heading for the port of London. The guns of the steamcruiser Aurora signalled the storming of the Winter Palace. It is expected to leave dry dock in St Petersburg next year for a Western cruise, which should include a visit to the River, Thames, where it may moor on the Embankment alongside HMS President 1918, the headquarters of the Inter-Action charity.

Poetry in motion

AFTER a long row resulting in the resignation of its president, Dannie Abse, the Poetry Society is planning to move to new accommodation near Covent Garden. Sadly, this will mean the loss of the country's principal forum for poetry reading, where Cecil Day-Lewis, John Betjeman, Seamus Heaney and Stephen Spender all gave readings. If the move goesahead, there will be no room for

the traditional large gatherings.

A bitter Abse said last night: "I will have nothing more to do with the society. This breaks with the vision of the founders in 1908. who wanted to offer a large venue. If the society wants only office lost chance in the 1979 election space, why go to Covent-Garden? campaign. To the dismay of his They may as well go to my home officials Callaghan refused to de town of Cardiff.?

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British Council

From Professor James J. Hughes

Sir, I have just returned from visits to Finland and Norway, where I learned that the directors of the

British Council's offices in Denmark,

Finland, Norway and Sweden are shortly to be replaced by a single

regional director based in Copen-

hagen, and that the council's activ-

ities in each of the four countries will be reduced virtually to one-man or

Although I realise the British Council's need to establish or expand

operations in the Baltic states and

Eastern Europe, I am staggered by

the scale of these cuts and by their

implications for British higher edu-

cation. How will the Helsinki office

manage with a staff of one rather

than ten? Can two part-timers in

Oslo ensure that we continue to

attract the 1,800 Norwegian stu-

dents who currently come to our

universities and polytechnics, bring-

ing with them over £10 million in

woman operations.

tuition-fee income?

under the axe

These short-sighted cuts contrast markedly with recent efforts to internationalise higher education in Finland and Norway, despite economic recession in both countries. The Norwegian government cur-rently commits about 48 million krona (£4.25 million) to the Norwegian Business Foundation's international scholarship programme. Finnish universities benefit from

government finance for the Anglo-Finnish pilot programme of student exchange, and the Finnish government has provided funds for the Finnish Institute which opened in London last month.

It is now too late to prevent these cuts from going ahead. However, I believe that mine would not be a lone voice of protest had the British academic community known of them some months ago. I also find it lamentable that there has been so little discussion of them in the British

Yours faithfully. JAMES J. HUGHES (Deputy Vice-Chancellor). The Registry, University of Kent at Canterbury, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ.

January 23. Born to the job

From the Director General of the father's tweed suit; all our overcoats

Imperial War Museum

Sir, I cannot help noticing, since you publish the dates in your columns. that amongst those who enjoy January birthdays is the following group (the collective noun, perhaps, is curiosity) of museum directors: Simon Jervis (Fitzwilliam) on January 9, Neil Cossons (Science) on the 15th, Richard Ormond (National Maritime) on the 16th, John Hayes (National Portrait Gallery) and myself on the 21st, and Timothy Clifford (National Galleries of Scotland) on January 26. For good measure, one can add Sir Alan Bowness (formerly Tate Gallery) on

the lith. This is no comfort to astrologers, since we span Capricorn and Aquarius; but I wonder if any other professions display similar natal

Yours faithfully. ALAN BORG Director General, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, SE1. January 26.

Elizabeth Cross?

From Mr Ronald Bedford Sir, Next month sees the 40th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Is not 1992 the year in which should be established in her name a new order of chivalry through which recog-nition could be given to those who have made an outstanding contribution during her reign to the arts and sciences?

We have the Victoria Cross for exceptional military achievement: why not an Elizabeth Cross for similar civil achievement?

I have the honour to be. Sir, etc., RONALD BEDFORD.

5 The Vale, Broadstairs, Kent January 17.

Moral climate

From Ms Christine Peach

Sir. I object to your use of the adjective "fallen" in reference to the young woman involved in a recent much-publicised knifing trial (report, January 22). The word smacks of Victorian puritanism, which I feel is inappropriate in today's moral climate.

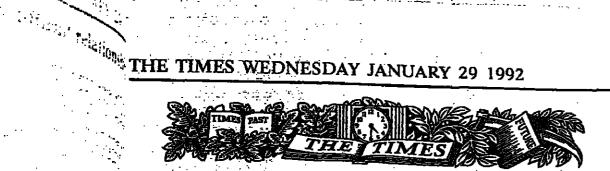
Yours faithfully. CHRISTINE PEACH. 10 Park Hill Road. Ilfracombe, Devon.

Prime time

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, Your leader on old age (January 22) has got it wrong. Old age wasn't the seventh of Shakespeare's ages of man but the sixth - "the lean and slipper'd pantaloon ... etc." — which for anyone over 60, irrespective of age, will begin in about five vears' time. The seventh age is dotage, a lot later.

Yours faithfully. JOHN KILBRACKEN (aged 714). House of Lords. January 22.



MR CLINTON'S AFFAIR

America is in another stew over sex. Once again that nation's political system has thrown into relief moral questions that transcend its boundaries and absorb the outside world. As with Judge Clarence Thomas and the squalid Kennedy Smith rape case, so with Governor Bill Clinton's marriage, America's political, judicial and legal system is acting as an anvil on which the practices and prejudices of democracies everywhere are hammered out.

Conventional wisdom holds that public figures are entitled to private lives, but only up to some ill-defined point. America's liberal libel laws have meant that for most public figures there is now no such thing as privacy. Any intrusion can be validated by some tendentious linkage between private and public performance. So immediate is media technology, so omnipresent are the carnera, the tape recorder and the notebook that no intimacy is sacred. Such is the heat of democracy. Those who stoke the furnace merely say that he who cannot stand it should stay back in the cool.

Governor Clinton has bitterly protested that this is too harsh. His case is that those couples who have been through marital difficulty and stayed together should not be penalised as against those who opted for divorce. While at first reluctant to reveal the nature of his own difficulty, he and his remarkably brave wife this week decided to go public, hoping that millions would identify with their struggle and not hold it against Mr Clinton in his bid for the presidency. As a desperate throw, this had a certain plausibility. The gambit held barely 24 hours: the other woman in question said Mr Clinton was talking hogwash, her own . credibility being tainted but not wholly undermined by her being paid a large sum of

money for her witness. While the defining characteristic of British politics is said to be that of the club, America's is that of the mob. Britons who ridicule America's ritual torture of presidential candidates perform a similar torture-on their own. But the process is largely collegiate. The crime is in "getting caught" or, more eccentrically, in "lying to the House of Commons", an activity permitted in affairs of state but not in affairs of the club. The crucial difference is that British "primaries" operate within the parliamentary cabal. Leaders are delivered up to the nation on a sanitised plate. Even then they are elected at least in part as party spokesmen and team leaders. British politics may be more "presidential" than of old, but the spot-

light is nothing like as fierce as in America. Mr Clinton is playing for the highest stakes, both domestically and internationally, in the toughest race in the world. The American president is not just a faction leader, a chief executive or a committee chairman. He is not first among equals. He is head of state, the embodiment of his nation and a reflection of its self-image. His weaknesses are thus America's to share, his shame in office would be America's shame.

He is politician and royal family in one. The American mob may seem to choose its. leaders by the crudest of methods. But in the great march of world events, the responses of individuals to those events are determined as much by traits of character as by those of intellect or party affiliation. Mr Clinton's private life may or may not be to the taste of American voters, but how he performs in the crises of the presidential race is clearly some

guide to his performance as a leader. The case Mr Clinton presented on television on Sunday night was sensible in the abstract but questionable when applied to himself. It divided his audience as it would divide a British one. Some, but certainly not all, democrats expect their leaders to be flawless. But all expect them to pass muster at the court of judgment, reliability and honest dealing: they expect explanations to be convincing and performances sincere. The New Hampshire session of that court meets in three weeks, but doubts over his conduct of this wretched business will continue to hover over Bill Clinton.

STALEMATE IN MOSCOW

The Moscow stage of the Middle East peace conference is heading for failure. The subjects on the agenda are the most important since the peace process formally got underway sharing water resources, economic development, the environment, refugees and arms control. These lie at the heart of the conflict. The Syrians and the Lebanese have refused to attend. The Palestinians, angered by the failure of the Shamir government to halt new settlements, are boycotting the opening session. President Yeltsin, in this first test of his chairmanship of an international conference, disappeared altogether, turning up on the Black Sea coast. The most that can now be hoped is that the recriminations will be kept within bounds and the whole sorry process put on ice until after the Israeli and American

elections. There is an inevitability about all this. The talks have reached stalemate just as the two sides broach the substance of the 45-year. conflict. Neither the Israelis nor the Syrians are ready to yield on an equitable sharing of water, which comes mainly from the mountains of Syria and Lebanon but which the Israelis deny to Arab villagers on the West Bank. For all Israel's offers to share technology and economic development with its neighbours, the government in Jerusalem is as unlikely as that in Damascus to cut its arms budget or allow international inspection of its nuclear facilities, least of all while .: Iran and Iraq rearm and the big powers sell weapons to all sides. The plight of refugees will not be settled while Israel accelerates the controversial settlement of occupied territory and Arab governments make little effort to integrate refugees into their own societies.

Israel will not regret any collapse of the Moscow talks. Mr Shamir has already gained more from the peace process than he can have envisaged when he warned beforehand of being forced into dangerous concessions. He has forced the Palestinian

leadership on the West Bank to sever official links with the PLO. He has turned back American criticism of intransigence. He has established relations with Peking and now has diplomatic links with all permanent members of the Security Council. He has persuaded the second-line Arab countries -Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Morocco and the Gulf states - to sit down round the negotiating table. A halt in Moscow would allow him to portray himself to voters at home as a peacemaker. Any progress now would demand he make concessions.

The losers have been the Palestinians and the Russians. The Palestinian delegates have impressed the world but have little to show to frustrated countrymen under occupation. Their moderate line is coming under pressure. Despite James Baker's acceptance that the Palestinian diaspora should be represented, they have been unable to bring into the negotiating room even residents of East Jerusalem. Because of the Syrian boycott, they are unlikely to see progress on water, the environment or agricultural development.

The Russians too have been unable to live up to the role demanded of them. This is hardly surprising when disorganisation, economic collapse and ethnic tensions at home leave little time for international affairs. But it bodes ill for any future claim to be considered a world power. As usual, the Americans are left awkwardly in the middle, trying to find areas of compromise and to pull levers of influence. Mr Baker has doggedly tied his \$10 billion Israeli loan guarantee to progress, and now threatens to reduce the money substantially to halt the settlements. This has not stopped these settlements, and has thus antagonised both the Shamir government and the Palestinians. But the American administration is now engulfed in election politics. It has neither time nor stomach for new initiatives. Another peace process runs into the sand.

AN IVORY WHITE MARKET

Two years have now passed since the African elephant was singled out by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as rare enough to deserve a ban on trade in ivory. This seemed the best way to protect the beast from extinction. So it proved at the time. The ivory price collapsed and poaching dwindled, thanks too to better security. But southern African countries with elephant populations now claim that managed trade in ivory would protect the

elephant even better. Are they right? A United Nations meeting yesterday between states with African elephants and donor countries heard that the main threat to the elephant will soon come not from poaching but from a shortage of land. In countries such as Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa, elephants and men are breeding themselves into confrontation. The problem may then be not too few elephants but too many. Zimbabwe's biggest national park, Hwange, now houses roughly double the number of elephants that it can sustain. Elephants leave the parks in search of food

and trample local farmers' crops. More and more environmental economists are saying that locals should be given incentives to protect the elephant, rather than collude with poachers to eliminate it. That may mean allowing them to farm elephants through a controlled market in ivory. If ivory trading were "decriminalised" African states could sell existing stockpiles and reinvest the money in better security against poachers and compensation to farmers. Off-loading the stockpiles would push the price down and cut poachers' profits.

The ban has probably served its primary purpose. By drawing international attention to the plight of the African elephant, it has made ivory as unpopular as mink or crocodile skin with environmentally conscious Westerners. Europe and America between them made up 40 per cent of the market for worked ivory before the ban. Demand there will never be the same again.

Even fervent supporters of the ban agree that it cannot continue indefinitely and have recently accepted that trade in non-ivory elephant products could resume. Once elephants come off the danger list and can be adequately protected, trading can be reestablished for the ivory of both farmed and culled animals. In many southern African countries, the culling process is itself being marketed to big-game hunters and the revenue chanelled back into conservation.

Science is on the elephants' side. New tests can determine from which herd a piece of ivory has come. Any new system of trading ivory from a central exchange could ensure that the product had not been poached. And scientists are beginning to develop alternatives to ivory that combine the patina and

porousness needed for piano keys. At the next CITES meeting in March, members should consider allowing trade through a central exchange that could combine control of buying and selling with policing countries to ensure that their herds were being managed sustainably. That noble animal, described by Donne as "Nature's great masterpiece", may eventually owe its survival to the value of its tusks, which once brought it near extinction.

From Sir Roy Denman Sir. In his letter (January 23) about the quality of the EC Commission staff, Sir Michael Ogden makes some important points. As a former inexorably (with Britain as always

Commission official I shall restrain myself on the quality of Commissioners. These have varied from the admirable to the unspeakable; in its middle of the road tradition Britain has contributed a fair share of both. But the quality of the officials — on

the whole high — is not essentially the problem. The real problems are three. The first is that however able an official he cannot be effective if his political masters do not allow him to be. Over the last six years the internal operation of the Commission has become a mess.

Backbiting among Commissioners has reached levels undreamed of in the days of François-Zavier Ortoli (1973-6) and Roy Jenkins (1977-81); political intrigue has flourished like science-fiction weed, stifling reasoned advice from senior officials; internally the Commission has come to resemble Tammany Hall with a French accent. This has to change. It will mean a new Commission. But this will depend on the member

The second is that increasingly member states will not allow the Commission to take on the minimum extra staff to cope with the new tasks they give it. Instead experts are seconded temporarily from member states. These will intrigue for national interests rather than seek a European solution.

The third is accountability - the democratic deficit. The European parliament has the power to sack all Commissioners on a two-thirds majority vote. It has never used this power and is not likely to. There should be real control by the European parliament over the Commission. The member states will not permit it. They regard the Com-mission and the European par-

Sir, Roderick Hall (letter, January

25) compares the Labour party's

reported plans to increase National

Insurance contributions with the

Maxwell Communication Corpora-

tion's fraudulently removing moneys

from its employees' pension fund in order to support that company's

share price. Each, he claims, is an

instance of taking funds from work-

ing people's wages set aside for

insurance or retirement purposes to

use for other than these specific

Increasing National Insurance

contributions is one of a large class of

financial measures which any

prospective or elected government is

entitled to consider as a way to

finance its spending.

But the measure is not, in itself, a

form of immorality. It is no more

impermissible for a government to

use a part of National Insurance

contributions for non-insurance pur-

poses than it is, for example, to use

part of the duty on tobacco sales for

purposes other than those related to

the economic costs of smoking. Or.

indeed, than it is for an insurance

company to raise its premium on a

particular customer's policy to cover

the overall costs of its operations (as

opposed to the direct costs of servic-

moral equivalent of removing pen-

near the scene of many of their

Sir, The 1986 exhibition to celebrate

Gilbert's anniversary, referred to by

Mr Turnbull, in fact took place at the

British Library, not the British

triumphs, while Gilbert is not?

JOHN F. WOODWARD.

21 Parkside, Mill Hill. NW7.

Yours faithfully.

From Dr Bart Smith

January 23.

Museum.

Yours faithfully.

BART SMITH.

January 24.

The British Library

96 Euston Road, NW1.

Sullivan and Gilbert

From Mr John F. Woodward

Such a measure is clearly not the

ing that policy).

· purposes.

Labour and taxes

From Dr Steve Torrance

sion-fund savings for private finan-cial gain — that is, of an act which is conducted without the consent or knowledge of those affected, and which has attracted the most serious of criminal charges.

From Mr Merlin Willcox

planet

Yours truly. MERLIN WILLCOX, Shaftgate, Paddock Lane, January 23.

Business letters, page 19

From Sir Roy Strong

Sir, Mr Stephen Turnbull points out (letter, January 23) that the Gilbert anniversary was indeed celebrated in 1986: but can he, or anyone else, explain why it is that both Sullivan and D'Oyly Carte are commemo-rated in Embankment Gardens,

only occasion that it has been possible to view these supreme masterpieces as a single composition because it is impossible to stand back and see them as a whole within the narrow confines of Wren's Orangery at Hampton Court Palace.

part of the present restoration programme of the palace and its Mantegna's cartoons in all their renaissance glory.

Yours faithfully. ROY STRONG. The Laskett, Much Birch, Herefordshire. January 21.

Decade of Evangelism

From the Reverend James M. Lawlor Sir, Clifford Longley (article, January was stimulating as always. would like, however, to offer an alter-native view of the Decade of Evangelism from the one he presents.

of faith ought to lead to a deepening of integrity within our particular religious traditions. We may appear as entrenched as ever, but at least we have progressed in clearing away the undergrowth of superstition and misunderstanding that often ob-structs our view, allowing us to see each other's position across the doctrinal no man's land. This is an achievement in itself and one that we trust future generations of theolo-gians will build upon.

We no longer look to "making converts", but we do still call individuals and the whole of society to conversion of heart, mind and soul; this is evangelisation.

Furthermore, our world rightly demands that we prove by our actions what we profess with our lips. Those who evangelise need a prac-tical resolution to be with the weakest

I agree fervently with Clifford Longley that our first concern is with "raw religion"; evangelisation with-out it is unfocused, a mere gong booming. However, true renewal should lead to a mutual respect for those who love the same Lord and a deep desire amongst them to take his peace in word and deed to all peoples.

Yours sincerely, JAMES M. LAWLOR, Balloch, Dunbartonshire. January 19.

daytime telephone number. They sent to a fax number (071) 782 5046.

From Mrs Érica M. Purdie

Sir, Concerning the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, how many participants realise that hard and demanding thinking is necessary before they can understand the doctrine of the Christian body to which they have given their alle-giance? Until this is fully understood how can they give to others an account of their own beliefs; and how can they make any valid decision

regarding Christian unity? It is of course an easy way out to suggest that there are no valid reasons why Christians everywhere should not be in agreement, and also to equate "being warm and friendly"

with being Christian.
Clifford Longley's phrase "deepening before widening" including "the pursuit of personal holiness" would seem most apposite.

Yours faithfully, ERICA M. PURDIE. Shearwater, Pope's Lane, Colyford, Colyton, Devon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the British government?

posts.

Yours faithfully, M. J. HOLDEN,

Norwich, Norfolk.

15 Princess Beatrice Close.

From Mrs Katharine Elliott

The satisfactory promotional in-

ducements which Sir Michael wants would be provided by stopping this

practice: then those who have en-

tered by way of the open com-

petitions would not see their careers

blocked by the filling of the top-level

Sir. There are many able Britons

working in the EC institutions: the

real problem is that there are not

enough of them. Experience in Brussels is a valuable ingredient in

career development in the civil service and since April 1990 the

number of civil servants on two to

three-year secondments to the Com-

mission has nearly doubled.
Until recently the EC largely

looked to lawyers and economists to

fill permanent posts. However,

following representations from the

British government, a competition

open to graduates in all subjects has

been introduced and has attracted a

record number of British applicants.

recently introduced the European

Fast-Stream, a new civil service recruitment scheme: 36 are already

working in government departments

preparing to take EC competitions.

KATHARINÉ ELLIOTT (Head of

Yours faithfully,

Cabinet Office

January 24.

great uncle.

January 24.

Yours faithfully, RUPERT RIDGE,

European Staffing Unit).

Horse Guards Road, SW1.

Secondhand snobs

Sir, I would not expect the examples

of thrift given in Philip Howard's

article, "Secondhand snobs" (Janu-

ary 24), to come as much of a

himself against the cold winds of St

Andrews by wearing his late grand-

date back to the previous two

generations of my family; my dinner

jacket, tails and morning dress belonged to a retired colonel in my

regiment who died as an old man in

perfectly in five to ten years' time)

and my spectacle frames were worn

by my great-uncle before my father.

Brockley Elm House, Brockley, Backwell, Bristol, Avon.

Sir. The reference to my posters for

the Underground by Mr Roger Fern-

ley (letter, January 17) sent me

In fact my first poster was in 1937

and my last, the tiger for London

Zoo, was designed in 1976 - far

later than the 1960s, referred to by

Not only have London Transport

posters changed since then: so have

its services. The text on my 1937

design reads "A train every 90

Art on the Tube

From Mr Abram Games

scurrying to my archives.

Mr Fernley as my "heyday".

seconds". And there was!

Yours sincerely

January 20.

ABRAM GAMES.

41 The Vale, NW11.

Even my first name derives from a

My undergraduate son protects

surprise to many of your readers.

(Office of the minister

From Mr Rupert Ridge

for the civil service),

For its part the government has

Brussels in-fighting and the quality of EC officialdom liament as rivals in a power struggle and do their best to clip their wings. This is not in the interests of the widely recognised, wield too much power. But finally, the decisions are those of the Commission itself. Does peoples of Europe. They are moving Sir Michael blame British civil servants for poor decisions taken by

shuffling ten years behind) to a Union where national governments will be reduced to the role of local authorities. The citizens of the Union will have the right to expect at the centre an executive branch of high quality. efficiently administered, and directly and effectively accountable to their elected representatives. In obstructing this the national governments

are short-changing the peoples of Europe. It is time they were told so. Yours faithfully. ROY DENMAN. 194b Avenue de Tervuren, Bte. 15, B-1150 Brussels. January 27.

From Mr M. J. Holden

Sir, The government already has in its hands the means to control the quality of the Commission's civil servants. Although they are nominally all recruited by open compention and owe their allegiance to the Commission - they are not national civil servants sent to Brussels — it is common practice for member states to nominate their own officials to the highest post of director-general and often also to that of director. With possibly only one exception every British directorgeneral has been nominated in this

In addition, all Commissioners. who are nominated by their member states, have their own cabinets of personal advisers, who are not civil servants. If Sir Michael Ogden objects to the decisions made by the Commission then, to a large extent, the blame lies with these "high fliers (sent) to do a stint in Brussels" because they hold the highest positions and carry the greatest influence, and also with the cabinets who, it is

Yours faithfully, STEVE TORRANCE, 13 Quernmore Road, N4.

Sir., The Conservative party's advertisement. "Labour's tax bombshell", has been appropriately placed today next to an article about would rather pay more tax and get better health care, scientific research. education, care for the environment and aid for the Third World. Whether Labour would achieve this

or not is a different matter. But the advertisement is surely intended to appeal to readers' basest instincts of greed and selfishness. It is symptomatic of all that can go wrong with democracy: people are encouraged to vote for their personal short-term benefit, instead of the long-term good of our nation and

Selsey, nr Chichester, West Sussex.

Mantegna exhibition

Sir, To anyone visiting the great Mantegna exhibition at the Royal Academy the superb display of his cartoons is as though seeing them for the very first time. Indeed, it is the

This is a misalliance of two great works of art. The Orangery ought to be returned to its original function as gardens. And a more appropriate location should be sought to exhibit

in society. For the churches together, renewal

St Kessog's. Balloch Road,

Letters to the editor should carry a

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 28: The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting

to the Queen. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 28: The Princess Royal Patron, the Incorporated Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, this morning visited the School at Pembroke Place, Liverpool and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry

Her Royal Highness, President. Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited Lyons Bakery at Barnsley, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Neill).

The Princess Royal later opened Park Rehabilitation Centre. Badsley Moor Lane, Mrs Andrew Feilden was in

KENSINGTON PALACE January 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon attended a meeting of the Central Executive

Committee held at the Association of Accounting Technicians. Clerkenwell Road, London EC1. Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

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KENSINGTON PALACE January 28: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Norfolk and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Mag-istrates' Court House and Probation Office, Great Yarmouth. In the afternoon the Duke of Gloucester opened the new accommodation for the Reg-istrars in Churchman House, St Giles Street, Norwich and later visited "The King of Hearts" Centre for People and the Arts.

His Royal Highness subsequently visited the Castle Mu-seum, Norwich.

Fye Bridge Street, Norwich.

Major Nicholas Barne was in The Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened the refurbished Lucas Block at St Bartholomew's

Hospital, West Smithfield. London ECI. Mrs Michael Wigley was in

Court, Clements Inn. Strand.

The Duke of Kent, as chairman of the United Kingdom Trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Con-

ferences, will attend a dinner at St

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of

the Oucensland Conservatorium

of Music, will attend a concert at

Queensland House, Strand, at 5.30 given by the Percussion

Princess Alexandra will visit the

Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and

Airmen in Richmond at 11.00;

and will open the London Water Control Centre of Thames Water

at the Hampton Coal Wharf Complex, Lower Sunbury Road,

Hampton, Middlesex, at 3.00.

James's Palace at 7.30.

WC2, at 12.30.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will preside at a meeting of the Prince's Council at 10 Buckingham Gate at 10,30.

The Princess of Wales will visit the St Christopher's Fellowship projects at 21 Cressingham Road. Lewisham, at 10.30 and 30 Belmont Hill, Lewisham, at 11.30.

Prince Edward will attend the 1992 Airline of the Year Awards at the Dorchester hotel at 6.50. The Princess Royal, as President of the British Olympic Associ-ation, will amend the Norfolk and Suffolk Olympic Appeals' recep-tion at Middleton Tower, King's Lynn, at 7.30 in aid of the 1992 British Olympic Appeal. The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Silver Walkway Trust, will attend a luncheon at Mobil

Birthdays

Dr R.C. Alston, bibliographer, 59: Mr Malcolm Binns, pianist, 56: Mr Leslie Bricusse, composer and lyricist, 61; Major-General Sir George Burns, 96; Mr Peter Byrne, actor, 64; Lord Clyde, 60; Dr Alec Coppen, psychiatrist. 69: Lord Ferrier, 92; the Right Rev Charles Fitzgerald-Lombard, Abbot of Downside, 51; Dr Germaine Greer, author, 53; Lord Gregson, 68; Professor F.R. vice-chancellor, Cranfield Institute of Technology.

50: Mr Paul Hodder-Williams, publisher, 82; Earl Howe, 41; Mr John Junkin, actor and writer, 62; Mr Sean Kerly, hockey player, 32; Mrs Margaret Laird, Third Church Estates Commissioner, 59; Lord Lane of Horsell, 67; Major-General K.F. Mackay Lewis, 95; Mr Michael Mavor, headmaster, Rugby School, 45; Mr Andy Roberts, cricketer, 41; Professor Abdus Salam, theoretical physicist, 66; Mr Raman Subba Row, former chairman. Test and County Cricket Board. 60; Viscount Tonypandy, 93; Mr Brian Trubshaw, former pilot, 68.



Musicians dedicated to reviving the sounds of the Romantic symphonic era have reformed the New Queen's Hall Orchestra, inspired by Henry Wood's orchestra founded in 1895. Members, who will employ techniques of 100 years ago, were rehearsing in London yesterday for concerts next month

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Emmanuel Swedenborg, philosopher, Stockholm, 1688: Daniel Bernoulli, mathemancian, Basel, 1700; Thomas Paine, radical and writer, Thet-ford, Norfolk, 1737; Daniel Auber, composer, Caen, 1782; William McKinley, 25th president of the USA 1897-1901. Niles, Ohio, 1843: Anton Che-khov, dramatist, Tagarov, Russia. 1860; Frederick Delius, com-poser, Bradford, 1862; Romain Rolland, novelist, Nobel laureate 1915, Clamecy, France, 1866; Vincente Blasco Ibanez, writer and politician, Valencia, 1867; Havergal Brian, composer, Dres-

University news

Queen's, Belfast

cellor of the university.

DI it: Mr Brian Friel, writer.

bardier Inc.

Stambourne, Essex.

FISHER - On January 25th 1992. Joen Fisher, aged 93, widow of Lt. Col. Caude Percy Fisher. R.A.V.C., M.R.C.V.S., former Director Sudan Veterinary Service of Jener's Cottage, Poution. Gloucestershire, daughter of Thomas Harris Wrangham and his wife Louisa Sennett, mother of Sheelah Fisher de Avendaño and grandmother of Luis. Miguel and Sylvia. Funeral al Poutton Parish Church on Friday January 31st at 2.30 pm. Letters to Ribera Del Manzanares, 5. 28008 Madrid. Spein.

FLEW - On January 27th.

28008 Madrid. Spain.

FLEW - On January 27th.
peacefully at Old Wall
Cottage. Belchworth. Peter
Frederick Score, beloved
husband of Esther, Ighter of
Devid. Michael and Judy.
grandfather and great
grandfather. Cremation at
Leatherhead Crematorium
on Monday February Sth at
12.30. Enquiries
12.50. Enquiries
600W - On January 27th.

Mavor), dramatist, Edinburgh, 1951; Henry Louis Mencken, writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1956; Fritz Kreisler, violinist, New York, 1962; Robert Frost, Boston, Massachusetts The Victoria Cross was instituted,

Management

DEATHS: George III, reigned 1760-1820, Windsor castle, 1820; Edward Lear, poet and artist, San Remo, Italy, 1888; Alfred Sisley, painter Mont-sur-Loing, 1899; Douglas Haigh, 1st. Earl Haigh, field marshal, London, 1928; James Bridie

(pseudonym of Osborne Henry

Fellowships The following honorary degrees are to be awarded: LLD: Professor Martin Harris. The Fellowship of Engineering has awarded Sainsbury Manage-Vice-Chancellor of Essex, Sir Ian ment Fellowships to the following Fraser, consultant surgeon; Sir condidates to enable them to Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice study for the degree of MBA at of N Ireland; Dr Thomas Mitchell, Provost of Trinity College, European Business Schools. They took up their respective places at Dublin; Sir David Orr. Chan-INSEAD, Paris; IMD, Lau-sanne; and EAP, Paris, in DSc Professor Frederick Brown September 1991 and January of Professorial Fellow of Queen's, M. Laurent Beaudoin, Chairman

Sainsbury

Mr A Amin, Mr A M de Rozairo, Dr N Farahati, Ms A H Finnigan, Mr A Giustiniani, Mr M I Hill, Mr P J Macdonaid, Mr-C W Ogifvie Thompson, Mr M J Richards, Mr P Schna, Mr M M Sheehy, Mr R Symons, Or I J Urus. Mr I W Whiting took up his piace at the Harvard Business School in September 1991. and chief executive of Born-DSSe Mr John Cole, BBC pol-

Memorial service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Ronald Raven was held yesterday at St Giles Cripplegate. The Dean of St Albans officiated, ed by the Rev David Rhodes. Mr Dudley Staunton and Sir Ernest Harrison, Chairman of the Ronald Raven Trust and Chairman of Racal Electronics, read the lessons. Mr Alan Lettin gave an address. Among others

present were:
Dame Rainleen Raven (sisted, Mr and Mrs Stuart Fife, Mr and Mrs David Raven, Mrs Margaret Smith, Mrs Margaret Miller: Lord Walton of Dethant, Lord Smith, Cordella Lady Generway, Lady Loyd of Kligerran (Russkin Society), Lady Heald (vice-president, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation) with Sir Malby Crofton (honorary treasures). Mr Richard Wheeler-Semnen (chairman) and Mr M C Reid (Marie Curie Cancer Carek the Hon Mrs C Edwards, the Hon Hugh Gibson (Royal Crown Derby Porcelain Company and Royal Doulonn). Sir Terence English (president, Royal College of Surgeoris with members of the council and wardens of the college. Sir William Stack (Masser, Barbert Company) with the Wardens and members of the council and wardens of the college. Sir William Stack (Masser, Barbert Company) with the Wardens and members of the council and wardens of the college. Sir William Stack (Masser, Barbert Company) with the Wardens and members of the council and wardens of the college. Sir William Stack (Masser, Barbert Company) with the Wardens and members of the council and wardens of the college. Sir William Stack (Masser, Barbert Company) with the Wardens and members of the college. Sir William Stack (Masser, Barbert Sungen) Walth (Maria Sir Musselex, Sir David Innes Williams (Royal Society of Medicine), Air Marshai Sir Michael and Lady Harrison. present were:

Dr Otiver Scott (measurer, Royal Medical Foundation, Epsom College) with members of council, the head-master and Mrs Cook and senior pupils: Miss Phylis Cunningham (chief executive, Royal Marsden Hospital) with the Rev David Brown (senior chaptain), Sister J Sills and other nurses and staff: Dr Bryce

MacGillivray, Dr Svelyn Boesen and Mr Bryan Blatch (Royal Free Hospital School of Medicinel with Francisor, Richard Begent (Ronald Raven Fro-fessorial Crair, Royal Free Hospital-and Mrs Begent Mr William Shand director of clinical services. Si-Bartholomew's Hospital, Mr R D Rosin (St Miry's Hospital, Paddington), Dr Iain Hanham (Westmirster Hospital) and Mrs Hanham.

Professor G westurby (beat, the professor G Cancer Research and President British Association of Surgical Omcogy, Major Niger Fettle (Royal Medic Poundation), Mr Charles O'Leany Soc ey of Apothecaries), Mrs Oilve Tyrre (Medical Insurance Agency), Mr Charl Moore John Grooms Association: Polsabled Peoplet, Mrs Geraidine We (Royal Medical Benevokent Fund), Mrs Sally Attinson (BMA Charlies), Dr Joh

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Mrs Joanne Martin (sacretary, Cameron Fund, also representing the cistiman), Professor Brian Render Vice-chancellor, Keale University), Mr Keith Smith (headmaster, Aylesbury Grammar School) with Professor Wr Harvey White (Coopers' Company), Mr Anthony Clarine (Uniers' Company), Mr Anthony Clarine (Uniers' Company), Mr Gibbert Bradiny (Derby Porcelain International Society), Professor John Less (Museum Training Institute), Mr. Leonard Kingdom (1980-81 Massers Association. City of London), Mr Ronald Moortraft (Steele, Robertson and Company), the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell-Mrs D Stanning, Mrs A Lettin, Dr and Mrs T Righy-Jones, Mr Michael Portillo.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M. Bu and Miss T.M.D. Clay The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs M.D. Buncombe, of Buxted,

Sussex, and Teresa, daughter of Mr J.P. Clay, of New York, and Mrs S.A. Evans, of Pain Alto, California.

Mr J.P.D. Carpenter and Miss C.J. Shuffrey

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mrs Jean Carpenter and the late Mr Keith Carpenter, of Ashtead. Surrey, and Clare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs R.F.D. Shuffrey, of Claygate, Surrey Mr A.J. Gant

and Dr K.J. Willis The engagement is announced between Andrew John, son of Mr and Mrs John Gant, of Reading, and Katherine Jane, younger daughter of Mr E.G. Willis and the late Mrs W.E. Willis, of

Finchiey. Mr S.P. Hume-Kendall and Miss H.C. Baker The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of the late Dr Patrick Hume-Kendall and of Mrs Richard Rawlings, of Fordcombe, Kent, and Helen, elder daughter of the late Mr David Baker and of Mrs Matie

Baker, of Martin, Hampshire. Mr P.J. Mahaffey and Miss A.M. Campbell The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mrs Miniam Mahaffey and the late Mr Leo Mahaffey, of Newmarket,

Suffolk, and Sandra, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Campbell, of Belfast. Mr W.G. Paine

and Mrs G.L. Turner the engagement is announced between Walter George Paine, of Whitstable, Kent, and Zimbabwe, and Geraldine Lucy Turner, nee Hagan, of Faversham, Kent.

Lord Mayor at The Times

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Brian Jenkins, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the Sherrifs and their ladies, last night visited the London offices of The Times and toured the plant. They were received by Sir Edward Pickering. Executive Vice-Chairman Times Newspapers, and Mr Si-mon Jenkins, Editor of The Times.

Dinner -

IN THE MATTER OF SOLARPRIOR LEISURE LTD

National Sporting Club Mr Bob Willis, Chairman of the National Sporting Club, presided at a Burns Night Boxing dinner held last night at the Case Royal. Lord Forte, chairman of the council, was present.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Peter Willes, OBE (1913-1991), will be held at St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, at 11-30 am, Tocsday, February 11: All are

Mr S.G.H. Plunkett and Miss E.S. Hayward The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of the

Rev Dr Hedley and Mrs Plunken, of County Antrim. Northern Ireland, and Eroma, younger daughter of Sir Authony and Lady Hayward, of Chilham, Mr G.N.B. Varney and Miss L.D. Owen

Kent

The engagement is announted between Guy, younger son of Mr Owen and Lady Mary Varney, of Hill House, Dedham, Essex, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Owen, of Whitelands Farm, Ashington, Sussex.

Marriages Mr I.C. Bostridge

and Miss L.F.E. Miller The marriage took place on January 25, at St James's, Picca-dilly, of Ian Bostridge and Lucasta Miller.

The bride was given away by her father and attended by Clara Egan and Clemency Henry. Mr Alexander Bird was best man A reception was held at Boo-ille's Club.

Colonel G.A.G. Gilhead and Mrs LM.K.I. Zoghbi-

The marriage took place in Brighton, on January 27, 1992, between Colonel Geoffrey Gilhead and Mrs Inben Katarina Zoghbi-Engestrom, both of Brighton,

Wing Commander J. Mechan, RAF RAF and Flight Lieutenaut A.T. Sykes, WRAF

The marriage took place on Friday, January 24, 1992; of Wing Commander John Meeban and Flight Lieutenant Amanda Sykes. The wedding and reception were attended by family and close triends.

Reception Quest Cancer Test

Mr Jerry Hayes, MP, was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for the Quest Cancer Test charity. Mr S.J. Steele and Dr A.M. Sincock. Senior Research Fellow, University College London, were the

City Women's Network

City Women's Network, the leading London-based professional women's networking group, is holding a New Members' Drinks Party on Tuesday, February 18, from 6.30-8,30pm, at the Foreign Press Association. Prospective new members should contact Leslie-Mitchell on 071-223 0425

Michael Cooper to be Director General of the British Diabetic Association and Verity Haines to be Director of Fundraising.

Bless our God. you nations: let the sound of his praise be heard: He preserves us in life: he keeps our feel from stumbling. Psalm 66:8.9 REB

RIRTHS ACHESON - On January 8th.
at Princess Margaret
Hospital. Swindon, to
Cynthia (née Dantic) and
Colin, a son. Nicholas
Edward. Our sincere thanks
to all medical staff involved. ATREY - On January 27th, at SI Peter's Hospital Cherkey, to Alison tree Foden) and Jonathan, a son, a brother for William.

RAPORTT - On January 26th. to Bronte and Charles, a son. Hector, a brother for Rosie. Hector, a brokes to reseat BENTLEY - On January 22nd at As Salam International Hospital. Cairo. to Mhairi ince McEwani and Philitip. a daughter. Naomi Frances. BROADBENT - On January 22nd, to Milzi (née Sims) and Aniony. a daughter. Chariotte Barbara.

BROWN - On January 25th 1992 to Sara and Richard, a son, Matthew Bridgmore. BUNTING - On January 26th. GYDE - On January 28th, at

Withybush Hospital. Havesford West, to Suzy and Nicolas, a son. Louis Joseph. HEXT - On January 25th. In Sydney, Australia, to Ann and Richard, a son, Jonathan Michael Buller, a brother for HOATH - on January 23rd to Helen (née Megginson) and Williams a daughter. Harriet

MacDONALD-RAGGETT On December 18th 1991. lo Sean and Bernadelle, a son, Llam Alexander Scan. MILL - Op January 23rd, to Janey nie Walsom and Peregrine, a daughter. Francesca a sister for Carina and Imogen. with the Sonia (nee Wells) and John. a daughter.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - On Sunday January 26th 1992, peacefully at home with his familty after a stoic and dignified flight against cancer, Lieutenant Colonel Ketin Edward Patrick (Ted), M.R.F. Royal Signals (ref'd). Edward Patrick (Ted).

M.B.E., Royal Signals Irel'di,
aged 66 years. Deeply loved
hisband of Jackle, devoted
and much loved father of
Sue, Richard, Gillie and
John, special brother of
Terry and dearly loved
grandad of Isle, Sophie,
Thomas and Robert, Funeral
Service on Thursday. Service on Thursday January 30th at St Joan of Arc. Farnham at 11.30 am followed by burial at SI Peler's Church, West Liss at 2 pm. Donations and flowers to S.S.A.F.A. and Marie Curie Foundation. c/o H.C. Patrick & Co.. 86 East Street.

Requiescal in Pace. RROWN - On January 27th, suddenly. Oliver Myles Russell, husband of Ann and father of Rory and Hugh. Funeral arrangements later. Please, no flowers: he would wish friends to open a bottle instead.

instead.

CAMPBELL On January

27th, peacefully in a nursing
home. Toin Vansitiant of
Sheringham aged 81.

Cremation private, no
flowers or letters please. COOPER - On January 26th 1992, peacefully, Jean Mellor, formerly Holden, née

COLE - On January 26th 1992, peacefully in his sleep after a long illness borne with great courage and patience. Dr. Russell Cole.

patience. Dr. Russell Cole. formerly of 2 Hartey Street. London. A family funeral will take place on Monday February 3rd. Flowers to Torbay & District Funeral Service. Wellswood House. 11. Babbacombe Road, Torquay or donations to The Parkinson's Disease Association. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a date to be announced later. COX - On January 24th.

February 3rd.

DARE - On Monday 27th January 1992 at The Charing Cross Hospital. Doreen ST. Felix nee Malone-Leel in her 84th year. Beloved wife of John ST. Felix and mother of Julian, Simon and Diana Donovan. A Regulem Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM on Friday. 31st January at the Carmelite Church, 41 Kenshigton Church, Street. W8. Followed by the burial at Gunnersbury Cemetery. No letters, please, but flowers and enquiries to A.France & Son Lid, 48 Lambs Condult Street WC1. Tel:071 405 4901.

DICKS-MIREAUX

FAIRMAN - On January 24th

DEATHS EVERIST - On January 24th

EVERIST - On January 24th, pearefully at home. Charles Henry, aged 89 years. Dear husband of Dorothy, loving father of Mary and Michael and grandfather of Katle, Gles. Rachel and Rob. Funeral Service at the Church of St Peter and St John the Baptist, Wivelsfield. Sussex. On Thursday January 30th at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations it desired to St Wilfrids Hospice. 2 Mill Gap Road, Eastbourne. WINTIGS FROSTICE, 2 MINI GAP
ROAD, Eastbourne.

FFRANGCON-DAVIES - On
January 27th 1992,
peacefully at her home in
Stambourne, Essex, Gwen
Lucy Ffrangcon-Davies
D.B.E., Actress, aged 101,
Dearest aunt of Nan and
Heather, Funeral Service in
Stambourne Partin Church
and interment thereafter on
Thursday January 30th at
2.30 pm. A Service of
Thanksgiving will be held in
London at a later date.
Flowers from family and
close triends should be sent
direct to the Cottage, but if
preferred, donations in lieu
may be sent to The
Treasurer. Stambourne
P.C.C., Tinkers, Wesley End,
Stambourne, Essex.

FISHER - On January 26th

construct at a gate to be announced later.

COX - On January 24th. Gordon. F.R.C.S. M.S., B.Chir. peacefully surrounded by his family. In his 70th year. at St Wilirid's Hospice. Chichester. Very dear husband of Paisy. father of Amanda. Andrew. Michael. Adrian and Desmond. father: In-law of Christopher and grandpa to Oliver and Jack Fumerai at St Peter and St Pauls Caurch. Chichester. on Friday January 31st 1992 at 3.15pm. followed by private committal at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only. If desired donations direct to St Wilfrid's Hospice. Chichester.

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Sir Vice Admira N.E.
Dalton. K.C.B., O.B.E. much
loved father of Cetla and
David, father-in-law of Paul
and grandfather of Hugo.
James. Jonathan. Thomas
and Michael. Funeral at The
Church of the Sacred Heart.
Henley-on-Thames. Oxon.
at 11 am on Monday
February 3rd.
DABE - On Monday 27th Jan-

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DICKS-MIREAUX On January 26th, Marie-José, as in life, with courage and kindness to the end. Dearly beloved wife of Lestie, mother of Claire. Oddle and Louis-David and grandmother of James. Helen. Sarah, Josie, Holly and Jessica. Funeral at East Dean. West Sussex on Salurday, February 1st at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to Ballard Funerals, Tel 071-370 6271.

ELUS - On January 25th

Sheriocks, lel: 0306 882266.

GOW - On January 27th.
peacefully in Amersham
Hospital, ida Constance
(Peggle) aged 88 years.
Funeral at All Saints Church.
Coleshill. on Friday
February 7th at 12 noon.
Peggle was a wonderful
friend was a wonderful
friend to all who knew het
and will be sadly missed.
Family flowers only.
donations. If desired, to
Christian Aud. C/o Cooks
Funeral Service, 72 Broad
Street, Chesham, Bucks., lel:
104941 791359.
HOWARD - On January 27th. ELLIS - On January 25th 1992, after a long litness bravely borne with courage and determination. David Robert Taylor, aged 27 years. Dear son of John and Ann and a loving brother of Jane. Affectionate grandson of Mabel. Will be greatly missed by all. Funeral Service on Friday January 31st at Holy Trinity Church. Northwood at 3.15 pm. followed by interment at woodcock Hill Cemetery. Enquiries T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd. lef: 081-866 0324.

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HOWARD - On January 27th.
Christa ithe painter Christa
Gaa), dearly loved wife of
Ken Howard, peacefully,
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funeral in Cologne, No
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Artists' General Benesolent
Institute, Burtington House,
London W1V ODJ. Memorial
Service to be held in London.
Details to be announced
later. MeGRATH - On January 24th, at the Royal Masonuc Hospital, Martha Jane 'Marti' thee Mooney'. beloved mother, grand-mother and friend. All are most welcome to Reputer FAIRMAN - On January 24th at Paddington Community Hospital. Dorothy Ellen, beloved mother of Robin and Serina and grandmother of Anthony. Harvey. Lisa. Paul. Sum and Sharon. Funeral at 12 noon on Thursday January 30th at Edgwarebury Cemetry. Edgwarebury Lane, Mill Hill. No flowers please but donations, if wished. Io Cancer Research. most welcome to Requiem Mass on Friday February 7th. Details from W.S. Bond. let: (081) 994-0277. ies: 1081) 994-0277.

STOLLER - On January 25th, peacefully, Ivor, in his 92nd year, al Parklands Nursing Home. Salford. Greater Manchester, father of Lucille and Norman, father-in-law of Leon and Diane

DEATHS

MESSERVY-WHITING - On January 27th 1992. MESSERVY-WHITING - On January 27th 1992. peacefully at Liss. Hampshire, after a short liness. Kathleen Julie, aged 84, beloved wife of Gerald and mother of Graham and Geraldine. Funeral on Thursday January 30th at 3.30 pm at Aldershot Crematorium. Flowers to Thorne & Leggett. Petersfleid Road. Whitehill. Bordon, let: (0420) 473404.

MURRAY - On January 27th 1992. suidenly at Helersburgh, Ronald, only son of the late Dr. lan Murray and Mrs Jean Murray and Mrs Jean West Kirk. Helensburgh, on Friday January 51st 1992 at 12 noon, thereafter to Bishopton Cemetery arriving approximately 1.30 pm. No letters please. Family flowers only.

PALMER CHAPMAN - On January 27th 1992, peacefully at Broadwindsor, House, Broadwindsor, Dorsel, Alleen Frances Tylston Inde Hodgson aged 92, formerty of Higher Waterston, Dorchester, Widow or Francis Romer Turner and Frank John Palmer Chapman, Much loved mother, grandmother, service of Thanksgiving to be held on Wednesday February Sth at 2 pm at St John the Baptist Church, Broadwindsor, Donations if desired to The Huat Servants Benefit Society, Parsices Cottage, Baggendon, Cirencester GL7 7DU.

PRESTON - On January 27th.
peacefully at Priory Court
Residential Home. Ewell.
Phyllis Preston M.B.E. aged
86. formerty Liberal Party
Press Officer. Funeral
Service at United Reformed
Church. London Road.
Ewell. at 3 pm on Monday
February 3rd. Any flowers
to Longhursts. Ewell by 1 pm
or donetions for Priory Court
Welfare Fund.

ROSE - On January 28th 1992, in Chichester, Lily, aged 98, widow of Douglas. Service at 11 am Friday February 7th at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only, donahors if desired to \$1 Wifrid's Hospice, c/o Whites, 5 South Pallant, Chichester.

SAUNDERS - On January 26th, peacefully, Lt. Col M.R. (BBI) D.S.O., lake Royal Artillery, aged 77, beloved husband of Pat, father of

husband of Pat. father of Peter. Jennifer and Stephen. father-in-law of Shelia and Theresa, grandfather of Emma. Antanda. Nicholas and Philippa. No Dowers please. donations to the Cozswain Humber Lifeboat R.N.L.I. Spurn Point, Humberside.

Humberside.

STOKES - On January 27th 1992. peacefully at Mottisfont. Devizes, Arabella (Arbelle) Stokes, wife of the late Adrian Stokes, beloved mother of Peter. Anne. Safty and Michael, and much loved grandmother and greatgrandmother. Cremation private. Memorial Mass at The Church of the Immaculate Conception. Devizes. at 11.30 am on Tuesday February 4th. Flowers to Winchcombe, 37 New Park Street. Devizes. Wills.

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IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

ROWLANDSON - Sir Stanley Graham. January 29th 1986. Sadly missed and always remembered. Vers. Richard. Elisabeth. Katherine and Edward.

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On arrival he was intro-

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OBITUARIES

AIR VICE-MARSHAL SIR EDGAR LOWE

Air Vice Marshal Sir Edgar (Noel) Lowe, KBE, CB, a former director-general of supply co-or-dination at the Ministry of Defence, died on January 23 aged 86. He was born on December 22, 1905.

THE fall of France to the Germans in 1940 began the blackest period of the war, in more senses than one, for Ted Lowe who escaped from the advancing Wehrmacht in a Welsh coal ship. He had crossed the Channei in September 1939, a young squadron-leader in Nantes, tasked with supplying and supporting RAF units of the British Expeditionary Force. In the following year, however, with the BEF and the French in full retreat. Lowe found himself responsible for the evacuation of all British servicemen and civilians in the region.

He and his commanding officer were the last to leave, driving in the CO's car on a hair-raising dash to La Rochelle, while an airman manning a machine-gun took up the back seat. At the Biscay port they commandeered two colliers bound for Newport after a fierce argumentwith recalcitrant French officers on the dockside. The bad news was that the freighters still had coal in them. Even so, Lowe managed to cram 800 of the British into each, once all luggage had been abandoned on the

quayside Food was pooled on the perilous voyage home, with everyone ra-. tioned to one meal of stew a day. For most of the time they sheltered below decks in the coal, while those on deck watched out for enemy bombers. Three days later, however,

they reached Newport in safety and Lowe was subsequently mentioned in dispatches for his part in a dis-

tinctly gritty getaway.

This was not the first time that his organising ability had been tested. Four years previously he had been at Quetta, now in Pakistan, at the time of a severe earthquake in the area. The nickname "Neechi", derived from the Hindi word for "low". stayed with him for the rest of his

Ted Lowe was a Shropshire lad, born near Church Stremon, He started out as a local government accountant, working in the council offices in Birmingham. But his eye was caught by a recruiting advertisement at the time when the still youthful RAF was beginning to ex-

pand in the 1930s. He joined the equipment branch and in 1934 was posted to Quetta for four years. He returned in the year of Munich to the RAF staff college and went straight from there with the BEF to France.

He spent the rest of the war in this country, confirming his reputation for incisive decision-making. This was recognised in 1945 by his appointment to the crucial post of director of organisation (forecasting

deputy assistant chief of staff (logistics) at Nato's Supreme Headquar and by one daughter.

ters Allied Powers in Europe (Shape). He was senior air staff officer at 41 group in RAF Mainteriance Command at Andover, before being given command of 41 group at Bicester, Then in 1961 he became director-general equipment at the Air Ministry — the top job in his branch. He was knighted in 1962 and retired from the RAF two years

He was almost immediately lucked from retirement, however, by the recently reconstituted Ministry of Defence, first as inspectorgeneral of codification and standardisation and then as director-general of supply co-ordination. Although neither job sounds glam-orous or heroic, each lay at the heart of the Whitehall reforms introduced by the ontgoing Conservative government and continued by the new defence secretary Denis Healey. The role was demanding because

it meant banging the heads of the

three services together in an effort to eradicate tribal instincts and establish common buying policies and standards. But Lowe was a passionate believer in the cause. Not easily given to compromise, he pressed ahead with a missionary zeal which showed why he had been handpicked for the job. Not for nothing did his opponents call him "Tiger" Ted Lowe resired finally in 1970 and devoted himself to voluntary work at home. He had married, in 1948. Squadron Officer Mary Lockhart, a WAAF officer who was serving with him in Stafford. He is survived by her, their son (the BBC television newscaster Chris Lowe)

his best studio work of the

post-war era came in 1958,

when he recorded the album

Blues from the Gutter for the

Atlantic label. Featuring the

alto saxophonist Pete Brown,

the disc is now regarded as an

early example of the so-called

The following year Dupree

made his first tour of Europe.

where he and his contempo-

raries were treated with a

degree of reverence that was

generally lacking in America.

He was to become a denizen

of Airways Mansions, a now-

of London where visiting

blues artists tended to congre-

gate, and where they were

supplied with bottles of liquid

refeshment from admirers,

reporters and would-be musi-

cians. He remained a fixture

on the blues and jazz circuit.

at various times teaming up

with the popular trombonist

Chris Barber and the guitar-

ist John Mayall. The new

breed of rhythm and blues-

influenced rock stars, such as

the Rolling Stones, also

sought him out to pay their

Dupree made his home in

Halifax, Yorkshire, sharing a

council house with his wife

Shirley, as well as with many

musicians who were passing through on tour. After the

couple's separation in the

mid-1970s, he moved to the

Continent, where he contin-

ued to perform in public. In

between his frequent tours he

also developed a taste for

Dupree leaves three daugh-

ters, who live in Britain.

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SIR ERIC CHEADLE

sicians including the guitarist Brownie McGhee. Arguably Sir Eric Cheadle, CBE, deputy managing director of the International Thomson Organisation, 1959-74, died on January 25 aged 83. He was born on May 14, 1908.

> ERIC Cheadle was jointly responsible with Denis Hamilton, then editor of The Sunday Times, for beginning an era of expansion in the Sunday's size and circulation that was to herald a transformation of the newspaper industry. The development of a colour magazine, then seen as a risk, but one worth taking, were to follow. Increased pages gave journalists more opportunities. Cheadle's role was to ensure that new presses arrived in time to handle the increased paging. He had to negotiate with the print unions, and persuade reluctant newsagents to handle the new magazine which they saw as likely to threaten the sales of other publications

Cheadle served 50 years with what was essentially the same company. At the age of 16 he had joined it when it was Hulton's and saw it transformed first into Allied Newspapers, then into Kemsley Newspapers, and finally into Thomson. He was quintessentially a newspaper manager of the "hot metal" era, retaining to the end a fervent interest in the industry, its gossip and its changing fortunes. Eric Wallers Cheadle was born in Lancashire. Educated at Farnworth Grammar School, in 1924 he started his life in newspapers

and therefore their own prof-

as a tea and copy boy on the Evening Chronicle in Manchester and became a junior reporter. By 1938 he was "publicity manager-in-chief" for the Allied Newspapers group.
In 1947, after war service in the RAFVR, he was invited

by Gomer Berry, the first Viscount Kemsley, to come to London as a director and general manager of Kemsley Newspapers.

ional newspaper scene and a member of the council of the

Newspaper Publishers' Association, the trade body for national newspapers, on which he served for 27 years until his retirement. Unusually for a Fleet Street manager he was also at home in the regional press and was a member of the council of the Newspaper Society from 1959 to 1978 and its presi-

dent for 1970-71. Although his role in Kemsley and the trade associations meant that he became involved in most aspects of the business, including the purchase of newsprint and negotiations with the trade were then often stormy Cheadle's part lay in the publicity side of the business and in particular promotions designed to increase circulation. He was fond of recalling his

astonishment at being summoned by Lord Kemsley in 1959 to be told, without any prior warning, that Kemsley had sold out to Roy Thomson, then very much an unknown quantity in the UK. Thomson's aggressive plans for ex-pansion gave increased scope for his promotional skills. The Sunday Times in particular soon embarked on an all-out campaign to draw away in circulation terms from The Observer, its main rival, with increased paging and substantial investment in lengthy serialisations. Then came the launch of The Sunday Times colour magazine.

Though as a Thomson director he supported the diversification of the Thomson group in the 1960s, into, for example, magazines periodicals, books and travel, he always reserved his warmest affection and interest for the

Cheadle had another strand to his life — a remark-able record in fund-raising for charity nationally and locally. The total sum he raised over the years is certain to be measured in millions. Cheadle was above all a pragmatic and gregarious extro-vert, whether in the fundraising field or in negotiation with the unions.

He was appointed CBE in 1973 and knighted in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, and two sons.

APPRECIATIONS

John Sparrow

MAY I be allowed to add a footnote to your admirable obituary (January 25) of John Sparrow? Since 1949, generations of budding book collectors, undergraduate members of the Oxford Univ-

ersity Society of Bibliophiles. at the end of each term enjoyed John Sparrow's hospitality and tutelage in his home. He was honorary president of the club till his death. His love of literature, whether the obvious or the obscure. which he would produce with impish glee, was infectious. He insisted on having the books of his choice in worthy

dothing and his library was a marvellous sight. Few will forget the pleasure with which he handled an immaculate Elizabethan or Jacobean book in contemporary limp vellum, or his delight over the rows of resplendent morocco volumes. When he retired as head of All Souls, the OUSB produced a small volume of essays: The Warden's Meeting (1978), a tribute from many former and current members of the society. John, a distinguished member of the Roxburghe Club, was one of the great bibliophiles of his age, and many booklovers will remember him with affection for his kindness and for what he taught them.

Bent Juel Jensen

WONDER if, as a former Clerk to the Skinners' Company. I might add a postscript about his connection with the company and Tonbridge School to your perceptive obituary of John Sparrow?

As Warden of All Souls he did Tonbridge the great honour of agreeing virtually every year to be the college's examiner of the school (an office deriving from the kinship of the founder, Sir Andrew Judd, and Archbishop Chichele). He became in this way a revered and adored figure, both to the Court of the Skinners' Company as governors, and to the com-

mon room at Tonbridge. The pithy wit and bracing judgment of his reports as All Souls' examiner on the compulsory entries for the Upper VIth Chichele essay prize became proverbial. So, too, did his speeches in appreciation of "the deceptive cordiality of

sparrows was not meant to make that summer, not at Chequers. He relaxed. realising that two may be called but only one chosen; so he enjoyed a genuine "free Dom Alberic Stacpoole Curragh, Guest had £500

Raymond Guest

RAYMOND Guest, as you state (obituary, January 3) was only the second owner in Turf history to be successful in the Derby, Grand National, and Cheltenham Gold Cup. The first was of course Dorothy Paget with Straight Deal and Golden Millar, as against Guest's Larkspur and Sir Ivor for the Derby and L'Escargot for the other two. Guest had the distinction of winning his Derby at Epsom while Ms Paget had to settle for a wartime one run at

Raymond Guest is remembered for a famous bet he struck with William Hill. Be-

St Petersburg 1703; Petrograd

longer secure.

LENIN

PROPOSED

MONUMENTS

(From Our Correspondent).

The funeral of Lenin began at

9 o'clock yesterday morning and lasted more than seven

hours, although the Trade Union Hall, in which the body lay, is only five minutes' walk

lay, is only five minutes walk from the grave in the Red

Square.
The body was placed outside the temporary mausoleum un-til 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

when it was taken inside and lowered into the grave. Then

throughout the territory of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics all factory sirens

were sounded for three minutes and all traffic was interrupted

for five minutes. The German Ambassador, Count von

Amoassador, Count von Brockdord Ranzau, represen-ing the Diplomatic Corps, placed upon the coffin a wreath of white flowers with white

At the opening on Saturday

of the big Congress of the Union of Soviet Republics a resolution was passed that the

body should be preserved within a glass-lidded coffin and

be accessible to visitors as long as possible — for many years it was hoped — so that people was hoped — so that people

and inspiration." Lenin's heart and brain have been placed in

might go there "for cons

RIGA, JAN 28

Newmarket.

two-year old stakes at the each way on Sir Ivor to win the Derby at odds of 100 to 1. He duly collected £62,500 from "the old firm'. American tax laws left him with only £16,000 or so for himself. The result was that he had no more wagers. Still he had the obvious satisfaction of beating the book, which is a very rare distinction indeed.

Finbart Slattery

The concise crossword, the chess problem and the answers to Word-Watching are on page 13 of the new Life and Times

Judge Eric

frequently representing doc-tors facing disciplinary charges before the General Medical Council. As a circust judge he sat mostly in Portsmouth and was an official referee on the Western

settling in Indianapolis,

where he was influenced by a

popular blues singer and

pianist, Leroy Carr. Unable to

support himself from music,

he turned to boding, compet-

ing in more than 100 bouts as

a welterweight. In 1940 he

was able to abandon the ring

after being signed by a talent

scout for a Chicago-based

Dupree made his first re-

condings for the Travelin

Man label that year. Among

the titles were "Junker's

Blues", a tune that later in-

spired Fats Domino's first hit

"Fat Man". Some of the other

- songs dealt with such diverse

topics as Roosevelt's Works

music company.

Educated at Newport High School and New College, Ox-ford, he was a wireless opera-tor in the RAF in the second world war, serving as a flight lieutenant in North Africa and Italy. After the war he was called to the Bar in 1946 and became a county court judge in 1970. He is survived by his wife,

Elsa Sarah, and a son and a

Subedar Barkat Singh, GC

Project Administration or life

in a chain gang. Dupree,

incidentally, bore a half-fin-

ished tattoo on his arm as a

memento of a 30-day sen-

tence in the Indianapolis

state penitentiary. The tattoo-

ist was said to have been sent

to the electric chair before he

had an opportunity to com-

One of Dupree's most pop-

ular recordings, "All Alone Blues", was issued in 1941.

Soon afterwards he was draft-

ed into the Navy. After his

ship was sunk in the Pacific

he was taken prisoner by the

Japanese. When he returned

to civilian life, he settled in

New York, working with mu-

plete the design.

SUBEDAR Barkat Singh, GC, has died at Mansurpur, Punjab, aged 87. He was born on December 16, 1904.

Barkar Singh was serving with the 2nd Punjab Regiment in 1937 when he performed the act of bravery which earned him the Edward Medal (subsequently translated to George Crossl.

On May 2 of that year a sepoy

of the regiment suddenly went beserk and shot the

Unarmed though he was, Barkat Singh leaped at the incensed sepoy and held him tight until help arrived and the soldier could be disarmed. In retirement Barkat Sinoh was a familar and dignified figure at the VC and GC Association's London

guard commander and another sepoy, killing the former instantly and mortally wounding the latter.

> Cheadle quickly became a leading manager on the nat-

Horticulture

Spring colour brings show to life

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture correspondent

Westminster yesterday, has been provided by nurserymen from these milder parts.

Among the highlights is a gold medal display of helle-bores from Blackthorn Nursery, of Alresford, Hampshire These winter and spring flowering perennials, many bred on the mursery, are clustered... around pink-flowered Daphne bholua and white sarcococcas, both emitting a

Among the new Blackthorn Nursery hellebore introductions are Helleborus torquatus hybrids, dwarf yet

vigorous plants producing red, purple and pink flowers, and Helleborus "Party Dress" with semi-double pink and mauve flowers, but not available until next year. The Blackthorn Primrose Strain of Helleborus orientalis is also featured, unusual for its light yellow flowers.

Winter foliage colour and interest from shrubs and other plants is featured by Burncoose and South Down Nurseries. of Redruth, Cornwall, but the earliest camellias are just coming into flower, including their own Camellia x williamsii "Burncoose", a compact plant with single pale pink flowers. There is a demand for purple-leaved evergreen shrubs, of which

are featuring several: Corokia "Coppershine", willowy leaved Dodonea viscosa "Purpurea", Myrtus "Pixie" and "Kathryn" (myrtles) and Pittosporum tenuifolium "Tom Thumb". There is also a good range of other col-oured-leaved pittosportums, including pink-flushed "Deborah" and yellow "Golden King". This exhibit has been

Miniature winter and early spring bulbs, creating patches of colour like Persian carpers, are being shown by several exhibitors. The foliage interest of snowdrops and miniature hardy cyclamen. which persists long after the flowers have faded, is being

irises from the Royal Botanic

the range of flower colour: from yellow to brick red. The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

JAN 29 ON THIS DAY 1924 Explosives had to be used because the ground was frozen so hard. Until the glazed coffin has been made and the permanent vault and mausoleum built next spring, Lenin lies in a

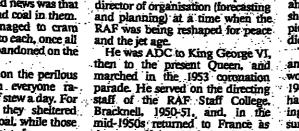
1914: Leningrad 1924: St Petersburg 1991. With his name erased from the maps and proposals that his embalmed body be removed from the Kremlin and buried, red-draped naken coffin within a wooden structure with four windows, which is lighted by electricity. All last night this temporary mausoleum was lit up by searchlights. Lenin's immortality is no Petrograd has been renamed **FUNERAL OF**

Leningrad. It has been resolved to erect monuments to Lenin in Moscow, Leningrad, Kharkoff, Minsk, Tiflis, and Tashkent. It was further resolved at the Congress on Saturday to publish and distribute millions of copies of selected works of Lenin in many languages, especially Oriental languages. The Postal Department is issuing special memorial stamps with Lenin's portrait on them.

SOVIET WAR ON RELIGION

According to the Soviet newspaper Izvestia. "a characteristic trial" was held recently at Zhitomir. in Volkynia Ukraine. Two Polish schoolmasters were charged with having taken part "with their pupils" in the religious funeral procession of a schoolmistress. The procession was headed by priests and their acolytes carrying a crucifix and banners. The Union of Cul-tural Workers requested that these teachers should be sum-moned for trial before a public tribunal. The prosecution was conducted by the Provincial Prosecutor and by "an expen on religion and the Church."

The vertice of the Tribunal was that whereas a Sovier school teacher's duty lay in the active execution of the Government decree on the separation of Church and State, the accused had taken part, together with their pupils, in a religious rite, thereby acting against the laws and principles of the bunal, therefore, holds up the action of the accused to public shame, as having brought dishonour on the Teachers Union and having been di-rected against the children."



'CHAMPION' JACK DUPREE "Champion" Jack Dupree,

American blues singer and pianist, died in Hanover on January 21 aged 81. He gave July 4, 1910, as his date of birth. SWAGGERING and rumbustious, "Champion" Jack Dupree belonged to the generation of durable musicians who pursued their craft in

semi-obscurity for decades before being feted in the blues revival of the Sixties. A former professional boxer, he possessed an unadorned but hard-hitting keyboard technique and an ample store of anecdotes, dombles entendres and gold teeth.

Dupree's parents were killed shortly after his birth in New Orleans when their home was anacked by members of the Ku Klux Klan. The boy was raised in the orphanage - the Colored Waifs' Home - where Louis Armstrong began his career as a cornet player. Like Armstrong. Durree also chose to give Independence Day as his

birthday. He was said to have been introduced to the piano by a priest at the home, and began to develop his skills by listening to local musicians: He was eventually able to make a living as an itinerant barrelhouse piano player. A less frenetic variant of boogle-woogle, "barrelhouse" was named after the boxcar-like saloons that were set up in lumber camps, and which one historian was to describe as "a combination dance-

hall, crap-game dive and whorehouse.

In his twenties Dupree moved north permanently,

cuit judge, has died aged 73. He was born in Newport. Monmouthshire, on April 9,

McLellan

JUDGE Eric McLellan, cir-

As a barrister McLellan specialised in medical cases.

Early Muslims find the path to Mecca SUCCESSIVE mosques ex- degrees too far west, and that cavated at a Swahili town in of AD850 was only one de-Kenya show increasing accuracy in their orientation towards Mecca. Over two-centuries the alignment of the

gibla was refined by over 30 degrees of arc (Norman Mecca lies almost due north of Shanga, on Pare Island on the Indian ocean A series of eight mosques was found there by Dr Mark Horton of the British Institute eastern "I removed the floor of an abandoned mosque, went down to an earlier one removed that floor and went down to an earlier mosque, and so on." he says in Narional Geographic, The building of about AD780 was Source National Geograph-oriented at 310 degrees, 50 "Te Vol 180 No 5.

gree further north.

The next half century saw a 20 degree increase in accuracy, and by AD1000 the elaborate stone mosque was oriented at 342 degrees. This increasing precision. Dr Horitan believes, reflects refinements by Muslim navigators sailing south down the Red

Sea from Arabia.
With favourable winds. they could easily keep track of distance and direction, but when they hit the Guil of Aden they had to cross the prevailing wind in course changes more difficult to calculate. The gradual accumulation of navigational expertise was then transferred to Muslim communinies such as Shanga

GARDEN plants are stirring in the south and west of Britain - certainly much of the spring_colour at the Royal Horncultural Society's Flower Show, which opened in

powerful fragrance. ...

there are few, so Burncoose

awarded a gold medal.

emphasised by Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishop's Hull,

Somerset. The snowdrops range from Galanthus elwesii with broad grey leaves, to pleased-leaved G. plicatus. Cyclamen coum ranges from pewter-leaved and silver-zoned forms, to plain green forms with red An exhibit of bulbous Juno

Gardens, Kew, Surrey, has been awarded a gold medal. Witch hazels are among the main shrubs providing winter flower colour. A collection from Starborough Nursery, of Edenbridge, Kent, shows

a special um for preservation at the Lenin Institute. The postponement of the funeral was due to the difficulty of digging the grave and erecing the temporary monument.

Doctors' pay to be tied to workload

Continued from page 1 introduced in 1990. In the longer term, the move, which will be opposed strongly by the medical profession, is expected to overturn the merit award system under which a minority of consultants can earn up to £40,000 on top of

Whitehall sources emphasised yesterday that the new system would not form part of the pay settlement for doctors this year, to be announced by the prime minister early next month, but would be drawn up with the medical profession for next year's pay round. In the next few weeks officials are planning to float various options with leaders of the British Medical Association and the medical royal colleges. Initially, money is likely be matched to measurable outcomes such as workload, as officials admit it would be hard to judge a surgeon's "skill at wielding a knife".

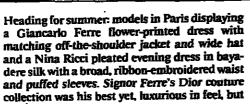
Rewards, determined by a committee of managers and doctors, could be given for personal or group performance. Bonus payments could be shared, for example, between doctors in a specialty that exceeded targets. The move fits in neatly with John Major's aspirations to improve standards in public services. The prime minister made clear when he relaunched the citizen's charter on Monday that he wants to create incentives to raise quality by extending performance-related pay throughout the public sector.

Health department officials are already working on proposals to introduce bonus payments for Britain's 500,000 nurses, and senior managers have been paid for performance for the past five years. Until now, however. ministers have been reluctant to tackle the complicated and anomolous pay system for

Although the doctors' and dentists' pay review body recommends annual pay increases for doctors, merit money is mainly decided "in house" by other doctors.

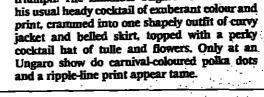
About 6,000 hospital consultants receive distinction awards that fall into four categories, ranging from 15 per cent to 70 per cent on top of their salary. The top award of £44,070 (A plus) is awarded to 222 doctors, raising their maximum NHS salary to over £90,000. Critics of the scheme argue that it is run by an old-boy network.





succeeding in looking relaxed and modern (Liz Smith writes). Simplicity always looks sumptuous in his hands. There were still too many overscaled bustles and trains, and two daft bolero jackets, but the finale of slinky white evening dresses, embroidered in gold to look like columns, with a ruff of acanthus leaves, was a

triumph. The Emanuel Ungaro collection was his usual heady cocktail of exuberant colour and print, crammed into one shapely outfit of curvy jacket and belled skirt, topped with a perky cocktail hat of tulle and flowers. Only at an Ungaro show do carnival-coloured polka dots and a ripple-line print appear tame.



Clinton embraces spirit of the Alamo

Continued from page 1 that he no longer has a prob-

lem with name recognition; the big drawback is that he has become linked inextricably with charges of womanising. The possibility of new evidence surfacing has made him a high-risk proposition to Democratic voters. For the past week his staff

has worked on little else but damage control, and already there are reports that bigname Democrats who had announced that they would not run are quietly preparing to reverse their positions should Mr Clinton drop out.

His strategy of acknowledging past waywardness but refusing to discuss specifics won qualified endorsements from key newspapers. The Washington Post called Ms Flowers a "pretty cheesy

case", and declared that in the absence of more solid evidence "let's get on with the campaign". There seemed little waver-

ing among grassroots supporters in Texas, whose anger was directed mainly at the media. Garry Mauro, the land commissioner chairing his Texas campaign, said that not one of the 100 Democratic officials scheduled to endorse Mr Clinton yesterday had changed their mind.

Until recently some Democrats were worried that Mr Clinton would win the Democratic nomination so easily that he would be insufficiently tested before confronting President Bush. Those fears, at least, have been laid to rest.

> Blonde ambition, page 1 Leading article, page 11

Palestinians boycott talks

agreed for the Madrid confer-ence last year, left empty seats at the conference table and led the Jordanian foreign minister to predict that the multilateral talks would get nowhere.

Neither Mr Baker, who opened the talks with Andrei Kozyrev, his Russian counterpart, nor Mr Levy referred to the absence of the Palestinians in their speeches. The Israeli foreign minister concentrated on the area's common interest in peace and said that Israel would place its expertise in energy, agriculture and other areas at the disposal of its Arab

neighbours. The Palestinians did not conceal their anger at what had happened. Hanan Ashrawi, their spokeswoman, reiected an American proposal that the Palestinians should be allowed to extend their

delegation at further talks. but not in Moscow. The Palestinians want representatives of the diaspora to take part in the multilateral talks, which will cover economic and environmental issues as well as disarmament and While doing their best to

A text of the speech that the Palestinian delegation had intended to deliver yesterday was circulated. It said: "We aim to exercise our right to freedom, self-determination and statehood." Mr Levy attacked this view directly, saying: "Anyone who thinks that these talks are design to lead to a Palestinian state ... is deluding himself".

The dispute over the composition of the Palestinian team was the second blow to the Russian hosts' hopes of running a flawless international conference. On Monday President Yeltsin of Russia disppeared before the

cloud will allow freezing fog patches to develop tonight and to persist tomorrow. Shetland will be bright at times. Areas most at

risk of fog are from the West Midlands into northern England, the

Forth and Clyde valleys, and parts of Northern Ireland. England and Wales will have widespread frost with icy patches on roads, but it will be warmer in the far north. Outlook: frost and freezing fog.

opening of the conference in Moscow and put off all engagements. The Russian delegation cancelled its planned press conference after the failure of the Palestinians to appear and offered no comment on what had happened.

save the Moscow round of talks, the American side was reported to be unhappy with overall preparations for the conference. If the meeting had been properly prepared, it was whispered, the dispute over Palestinian representation would not have occurred. for being too indulgent to wards their former Middle East allies; others blamed their own side for concentrating too heavily on last week's international aid conference in Washington, at the expense of the Moscow talks.

Leading article, page 11

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Most of Britain will be cloudy today, but some breaks in that

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Political sketch

Never taking no for an answer

John Major: "No". Neil Kinnock: "Why can't you give a straight

I paraphrase, but not much Yesterday Mr Kin-nock asked the PM for "a categorical assurance that he will not impose any increase in VAT". Mr Major had "no plans". This did not satisfy the Labour leader. Why can't the prime minister give a straight an-swer to a straight question? That was what Mrs Thatcher always used to say, he complained. A more categorical statement was

Mr Major gave it. Government spending plans, he said, meant there was "no need" to put up VAT. There will be no VAT increase," he said.

"It's time the prime min ister came clean," said a flustered leader of the Opposition. He was clearly angry, but with whom? With the advisers who had proposed this as his choice of subject for the afternoon? Poor Mr Kinnock was now stuck with a duff script and a set of useless supplementary questions. Your sketchwriter, who sits directly above him, could see them, neatly typed out, with little underlinings. Pity to waste them, really.

So he read them anyway. "In view of the record of Conservative governments in always putting up VAT ... how can be pretend?

Does not a Tory government make a VAT rise a

certainty? By now, Tory giggles were getting under Mr Kinnock's feet. You could see his problem. He had infended to accuse the Tories of evasion but, baving received the straightest of answers, was now cornered into calling them liars. Fair enough — Tories have been known to the But if them are never are the work ask answers are lies, why ask

The prime minister squared up to Mr Kinnock's allegation: it was a "fib," he said. Cries of shock rose from the Oppogobsmacked, Pibs join porkies and lies in the inste ingly playpen politics of the Commons Chamber. Perhaps we should rename this on "prime minister's porkies," or "Labour fibs"?-"Mind now: no slang ing!" came a sarcastic Labour shout as Paddy Ash-

down rose to join the play-

Deil Kinnock: Will you ground game, in it, Liberal put up VAT? Yes or Democrats and their leader play the role of a little boy whose type we all remember. There was one in every class. He was the goodiegoodie who would complain to the teacher about the other boys' behaviour, then, when Teacher wasn't looking kick shins under desks or pull out his

"Teacher," to the Liberal Democrats, is really the Nation - listeners to the Today programme on BBC Radio 4. Confiding in the Nation. Mr Ashdown regularly sneaks on the rest of the MPs, accusing them of conducting a "slanging match" in their Westminster nursery, whenever the Nation's back is named. This infuriates the other

boys and girls. They know what the Liberal Democrat gang get up to in the under-growth which surrounds their Kommons Kindergarten. They know about the constituencies. But somehow the parliamenta ry Liberals are always once removed from this. They stay clean, and return, again and again, to express their horror at low stan-dards of political life.

To Mr Major yesterday. I Mr Ashdown mentioned the optimistic economic predictions the PM used to make. Nothing personal, mind: just a reminder more in sorrow than anger. Major stuck out his tongue: "gloom-monger!" Minutes earlier, Ash-

down's young lieutenant, Simon Hughes (Lib Dem, Southwark and Bermondsey) had put in a plea to education secretary Kenneth Clarke on behalf of parents auxious to get their children into city technology colleges. If refused a place, he complained, how

could they appeal? Odd, that Speaking ear lier to the Nation, when the Tories first thought of CTCs, I seem to recall that Mr Hughes was against them. Here is his leader, Mr Ashdown, on CTCs: "A gimerack idea ... a mere gimmiek ... an ideological handwagon ... the policy has failed ... impractical cooked up on the back of a fag packet ... damaging, it deserves to die"

-Ah, but that was July ! I. 1988. That was the past. The past is the under-growth the present is the playground, and Teacher is watching.

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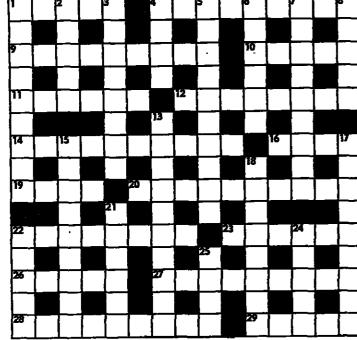
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18.827



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- Redhead introducing compan-ion, an aggressive chap (5). 4 Swimmers leave hurriedly, pursued by sailors (9).
- 9 Completely opposed to concealment of matricide (9). 10 Without doubt, free from guilt
- 11 Expose a foreign disguise (6). 12 Lacking confidence in guarantee
- 14 20 ponies to satisfy with soup and fish (6.4).
- 16 Seaside musical entertainment?
- 19 Widespread requirement for the
- last four in contention (4)
- 20 Six hours on March 25, for example? (7,3). 22 Dance music for two instruments
- 23 Vessel pounded by cannon (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,826 SCHISM ODYSSEAN A A L S A A L E C S T U E E G T GARDE WISH E G A IP VEHICLE LATERAL OSPAERLH Grevlag subsust

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far (8). 4 In a way, soldiers are kind (4). 5 Inflammatory letters in nice new

6 Trick rider (6) 7 With varied fortune, journalist goes after payment on the side

8 Wait to start the game (5). 13 Arrogance in religious celebra-Corrupt Oriental -- so unfair! (9). Foreign currency examination in friendly office (9).

18 Some procedures our cemeteries find expedient (8). 21 Became widely known — it often occurs in middle age (6). 22 Famous Greek long-distance racer (5).

Cheat the rope (5).

novel perhaps (4). The Concise crossword is on Life and Times, 13

Pointless pun found in very long

WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definition are correct? By Philip Howard

FOINERY Durken lace-making
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b. The twilight
c. Relations by marriage JEZLAH L An Apocryphal prophet b. A tax on non-Muslims b. A tax on non-Musli c. The Lydian letter J BISMER Recrossing the sea again

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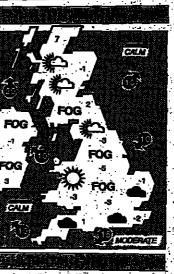
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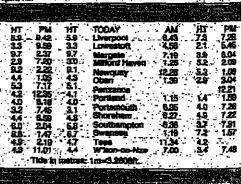


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David Green, of Colefax and Fowler, whose home furnishings have graced Buckingham Palace, is feeling the recession Page 18

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Falling exports add to the gloom

CBI survey sees dramatic fall in confidence

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

HOPES of an early economic recovery received another blow after the Confederation of British Industry's industrial trends survey, widely seen as the most reliable barometer of manufacturing activity, predicted further

output falls and job losses.
The survey, published yesterday, showed that last October's upturn in business optimism was a damp squib, and that confidence has fallen back to last July's levels. In its accompanying economic assessment, the CBI gave warning that the flood of job losses from manufacturing, which reached 300,000 last year, would continue unabatation expects 73.000 manufacturing workers to lose their jobs in the first quarter of the year, after an estimated 65,000 job losses in the final quarter of 1991.

The CBI surveyed ! 241 companies that together are responsible for half of UK manufacturing employment and exports. The organisation found that 47 per cent of firms expected to cut jobs during the next four months. Only 6 per cent expected to increase staff.

Because the picture is so gloomy, the CBI now expects to revise downwards its prediction that the economy will grow by 1.7 per cent this year.

Andrew Sentance, the CBI's economics director, said the

Thousands of jobs to go at NatPower

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

biggest electricity generator, has begun talks with unions and workers at its 35 power stations aimed at cutting staff numbers in line with "best practice worldwide." The jobs of several thousand - possibly a third of the company's 9,000 power station operating staff - are expected to be shed. National Power said it was too early to provide

The talks are part of a renewed drive against manning costs at National Power. which was privatised, along with its smaller rival. PowerGen, less than a year ago. By September. National Power will have shed more than 6,000 of the 17,000 staff it inherited from the former Central Electricity Generating Board. Two thousand white-collar staff, half of

NATIONAL Power, Britain's the total, are expected to go. Generating plant job losses will be in addition to these

> National Power was privatised with an overlarge whitecollar workforce partly because Britain's nuclear stations were bulled from the sale. "We inherited many more staff than the company could justify," a spokesman said. There will be a continued reduction so that by 1994 the station managers will be able to achieve world best practice."

National Power has already closed five small coalburning power stations, and shut a number of generating sets at some larger stations in an effort to cut costs and enhance efficiency. Further power station closures are expected as older plants are output in the next four months would be fairly flat, and growth in the latter part of the year would be weaker than expected.

Sir Brian Corby, the president, acknowledged that the CBI had been overoptimistic in seeking positive signs from earlier surveys. "These figures are not encouraging. We clearly expected things to be hooking rather better now than they are," he said.

Sir Brian was particularly concerned that companies

were cutting back their investment in new machinery and equipment. He called for measures in the Budget on March 10 to encourage firms to increase investment.

Gordon Brown, shadow industry minister, said the results called into question government claims that a recovery had begun, and left the Chancellor's credibility "in tatters." David Bellotti, Liberal Democrat spokesman, said: "How much more evidence do the government need that recovery is definitely not round the corner?"

The most striking feature of the results is the abrupt downturn in business confidence. Only 10 per cent of firms said they were more optimistic about prospects in the next four months, with 34 per cent less optimistic. The minus-24 per cent balance compares with plus-2 per cent last October. In the four cent of firms saw a fall in orders, compared with 10 per

cent recording a rise. There was also an abrupt worsening of export prospects: 49 per cent of firms reported export orders below normal; 8 per cent said they were better. The negative balance, of 41 per cent, was markedly worse than October's 31 per cent.

The survey found that 71 per cent of firms were working below capacity, 2 per cent more than in October.



Noble friends: Lords Hanson and White in confident mood at yesterday's annual meeting in London

Hanson lays ICI bid ghost

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

LORD Hanson, in typical showman's style and in front of 1,400 frequently applauding shareholders, effectively killed off speculation over a bid for ICI at yesterday's Hanson annual meeting.

In a performance that ranged from the candid to the clandestine, Lord Hanson sought to bury the question of why the group had invested, and lost, £12 million in bloodstock, admitted he had made mistakes, but firmly declined to name his successor.

"We have never would bid for ICI - that was all media speculation and market rumour — and we have no plans to do so now," he declared. Hanson, second largest shareholder with a 2.8 per cent stake, would watch ICI's progress with "interest and affection", he added, though his deliberate use of "now" remains open to

interpretation. As the noble lords Hanson and White skipped on to the Barbican stage, Lord White tripped and all but fell on his face. Within minutes, he was asked to tell of Hanson's American operations and the American economy. Hanson, he was sure, would benefit from America's \$150 billion roads programme. Lord

mouth . . . of which I shall say more later". Not long afterwards, Lord Hanson turned back to horses, and in one of several tilts at the media said suggestions that Hanson's bloodstock infor White were "bordering on

Hanson said it was "nice to

hear it from the horse's

"We sponsor the Derby. Bloodstock was a good opportunity to get our money back. Others were investing in bloodstock. We lost £12 million. It was not disclosed because the amount relative to the group was not material. With hindsight, I regret the non-disclosure," Lord Han-

son said. Hanson's £100,000 contribution to the Tory party was it was the we just don't plan to name it at this time," the lively 70-

party that had a real interest in the creation of wealth, he

There was no particular reason why there were not more women on the board. Lord Hanson thought Mrs Thatcher was very fully occupied with her autobiography, besides which Hanson group had a galaxy of management

He was temporarily heckled by representatives of the Navajo tribe of Red Indians concerned about coal mining their land in Arizona. "Get the stewards," Lord Hanson urged. Meanwhile, outside the Barbican, the anti-tobacco lobby sported white carnations in protest against Imperial Tobacco.

The ICI-Hanson debate may be dead - for now - but the "who is going to succeed noble Lords Hanson and White guessing game" goes

"We have the succession:

year-old declared, though admitting that the time will "as some of us fade

And as for Lord White not being a director of Hanson plc, his fellow Lord retorted that Lord White had gone "over there" in 1974 to build up the American company and "he had got on with it". The failure of so many

British business ventures over there was, we believed, the result of their management being directed from Britain
- 3.500 miles away. We'd he wrong to change a strategy that has worked so well", Lord Hanson said.

Hanson shares lost 5p at 209 ½ p.

Lord White, who was accused of assaulting his girlfriend, 29-year-old Victoria Tucker, during a Christmas break in Aspen, Colorado, said before the meeting: "The case has been dismissed. I feel it is American justice at its

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Carlton bids for **Pickwick Group**

By MARTIN WALLER

CARLTON Communica- 260p in August 1990. The tions, the television services group told shareholders at concern chaired by Michael Green, has swooped for Pickwick Group, the video and music distributor, with a bid worth £69 million in new shares, after Pickwick's unexpected second-half profits reverse last year.

Cariton is offering 100 new shares for every 232 Pickwick shares, valuing each at 245p at yesterday's price. There is an underwritten cash alternative worth 220p. The Pickwick share price shot ahead

67p to 240p.

The agreed bid, which has the blessing of investors speaking for 25 per cent of Pickwick's share capital, including Pearson, with 20 per cent, offers opportunities of vertical integration for Technicolor, Carlton's video reppo-

duction business.



that of the previous year, when the group made £5.4

AFTER a review of the top hundred companies, the Fithe halfway stage last year, when profits dropped from nancial Reporting Review Panel, which enforces £1.5 million to £82,000, that second-half performance would be broadly in line with Holdings, the conglomerate,

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the rules in future. Williams was criticised for

Two big company accounts criticised BY OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

accounting standards, has ruled that the 1990 profit and loss accounts of Williams and Ultramar, the oil group, did not comply with the Com-

These are the first cases in which the panel, set up a year ago, has publicly named com-panies in breach of the standards. Compliance with the standards became mandatory under the 1989 Com-

The panel decided to not to use its power to force the accounts to be rewritten after both Williams and Ultramar. which has since been taken over by Lasmo, agreed to obey

Pickwick has seen its share price decline from a high of Green: £69m shares offer profits and losses in pre-tax

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profits, but only as £3.5 million net of tax, and not including them in calculating earnings per share.

Williams, which disagreed with the standard, had already come into line with its 1991 interim figures, issued in August, before it heard from the panel. It has also agreed to change the detail of disclosure of purchases and sales of companies. Its shares still fell 11p to 323p due to general unease over acquisi-tion accounting by conglom-erates. Racal criticised Williams accounts as part of its recent successful defence against a bid. Ultramar was criticised for counting advance corporation tax as part of the cost of its dividend. rather than as a tax charge. This had led to its accounts being qualified by Ernst & Young, its auditor.

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Ageing vessels sink their insurers

AN AGEING world shipping fleet and the disappearance of the old familyowned shipping companies were yester-day put forward as the reasons for yet another disastrons year for the London

marine insurance market. Figures released yesterday by the Institute of London Underwriters (ILU). which represents the company marine and aviation market in London, show that the amount of tonnage lost year was the highest since the worst ever years of 1979 and 1980, the peak of the Iran-Iraq war. In total 182 ships of 500 tons gross or more were lost, a 30 per cent increase on 1990. In tonnage

terms, the increase was 40 per tem to more than 1.7 million tons gross. Roger Nixon, a member of the com-

recent survery showed that of the 220 cruising vessels currently in operations more than 60 were more than 30 years old. The Oceanos, the cruiser lost off the South African coast last August, was 39 years old when it sank.

The worldwide recession in shipping over the past decade has also caused shipowners to cut back on the maintenance of vessels, Mr Nixon said. "There has been a sea change in the ownership of vessels," from the old family com-panies to new financial owners that employ managers "on the basis of who can manage the ships the most cheap-ly," he added. The increasing use of flags of convenience is also a factor. Last year, Panama and Cyprus alone ac-counted for about a quarter of the total tonnage lost. Only three United King-dom-registered vessels were lost.

The casualties mean that the company marine market almost certainly suffered a loss last year, after the losses

of 1988, 1989 and 1990. Prelimin statistics show that claims for ILU members hull, cargo and aviation business exceeded premiums by £1.86 billion last year. The results are also had news for Lloyd's, which had been hoping for a return to profits in 1991 after the heavy losses of 1988 to 1990. The ILU and Lloyd's each roughly account for about half of all the marine and aviation business placed in London.

Declan McMahon, the outgoing ILU

be "some years before we see ourselves really out of the woods."

RPI: 135.7 December (1987-100) mittee of the ILU, said that as ships got older they became more vulnerable to Denotes midday trading price **京东京京京京** bad weather and machinery failure. A

chairman, said there were grounds for cautious optimism in the results because underwriters had "regained a sense of realism and become more hardheaded in their attitudes." However, Peter Evans, the newly elected chairman, pointed out that the improved premium rates and policy conditions seen by the year end were still "totally inadequate," and he said that it would

Deal to help French computer firm out of financial problems

IBM picked to partner **Groupe Bull**

BY WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

THE French government has chosen IBM as a strategic partner for Groupe Bull, the French loss-making, statecontrolled computer maker, in an effort to help Bull surmount its current financial

Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, announced yesterday that IBM will take a minority equity stake in Bull, which, she said, is not large enough to jeopardise Bull's independence, but is sufficiently large to show IBM's commitment. IBM and Bull will engage in a substantial co-operation in technical areas, especially on

Interest cut lifts Electron

A sharp cut in interest costs was largely responsible for a 170 per cent surge in pre-tax profits at Electron House to E595,000 in the half year to end-November. Sales of this distributor of computer producis and electronic components were virtually un-changed at £60.1 million (£60.5 million), but interest. benefiting from the previous year's £5.1 million rights is-sue, fell 27.8 per cent to £1.17

Robert Leigh, the chairman, said pressure on gross margins was "substantially offset" by a reduction in overheads. The second half's sales would be affected by the government's recently imposed moratorium on local authority spending in Northern Ireland. Earnings per share jumped from 0.19p to 1.03p. An unchanged interim dividend of lp is being

Etonbrook dip

The absence of proceeds from development properties was largely responsible for Etonbrook Properties pre-tax profits slumping 80.2 per cent to £300.366 in the six months to end-September. Earnings per share plunged to 4.1p (34.5p), with diluted earnings diving to 4.5p (30.1p). As usual, there is no interim dividend.

Shoprite falls

Shoprite, the discount food retailer, saw its pre-tax profits halved to £1.1 million (£2.25 million) in the year to end-October. Sales rose from £30.9 million to £45 million but operating profits fell and interest charges rose. Earnings per share fell from 16.4p to 8.7p, but the year's divi-dend has been held at 5.2p.

Newmark loss

Louis Newmark, the precision engineer and watch distributor, cut pre-tax losses from £526,000 to £187,000 in the half year to end-September despite depressed watch sales. The loss per share is 6.3p (11.5p) and there is no interim dividend

the development of Bull's Unix computers. IBM's main input will be in the field of reduced instruction set computing (Risc), a recent development designed to enhance computing power.

IBM won in its bid against competition from Hewlett-Packard, the computer and printer maker. The announcement of the Bull-IBM venture forms part of a series of Franco-American agreements, which also includes a joint research venture between IBM and SGS-Thomson, the Franco-Italian chip maker. Under this, IBM has agreed to purchase electronic components for its European and American factories.

Mme Cresson also announced that there will be a third agreement between SGS-Thomson and Hewlett-Packard, details of which are yet to be announced officially. In addition, there will be a series of deals involving Apple Computers, including a participation by Bull in Apple's Consumer Design Centre in Austin. Texas, and a venture between Apple, Thomson Consumer Electronics and France Telecom to study the development of multi-media

These ventures form part of a wider reshuffle of the French electronics industry. which suffered severe losses in 1990 and 1991. The most significant development so far came at the end of last year, when France decided to form a giant state-owned electronics and nuclear holding, Thomson-CEA Industrie. grouping the various interests of Thomson SA and CEA, the French nuclear energy commission. Preparation for Thomson-CEA Industrie are

currently underway. Bull will not be part of this venture and as a result the government has chosen a separate strategy involving the joint deal with IBM. Originally, it was thought that NEC, the Japanese electronics group, would emerge as the preferred partner. But this has met with opposition by a French government concerned about growing influence of Japanese companies



Co-operation: Edith Cresson hopes IBM and Bull will develop a new computer

Opticrom news lifts Fisons

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Fisons jumped 20p to 369p after the pharmaceuticals group said it would resume production of Opticrom, its allergic eye preparation, in the United Kingdom. The news that manufacture

can recommence follows an inspection of production methods by the Medicines Control Agency, Britain's has re-licensed all Opticrom formulations.

City experts gave the latest news a mixed reception, as the important American market, which was accounting for nearty half of Opticrom's £40 million annual sales, is still exempt, "It's a step in the right direction, although the important market [for Opticrom) is in the United States. However, this is the first bit of significant good news we've had," said Andrew Porter. an analyst at Nikko, the Japanese securities house.

The latest recovery in Fisons' share price, which exceeded 500p last year, provided further relief for shares fall sharply after the Food and Drug Administration withdrew Opticrom and Imferon in America. Fisons said in December it would lose £65 million because of the temporary bans there.

The FDA will inspect Fisons' production facilities within the next few months, probably by mid-March, before it allows the drugs to be marketed in America again. Sales of the two seem unlikely to resume much before the summer, however, although Fisons hopes that

Tilade, a new asthma drug, will also be approved by then. However, some analysts fear that any delay in re-introducmarket could cause a permanent loss of Fisons' market

The market also awaits news on a new chief executive to replace John Kerridge, the former chairman and chief executive who has resigned because of ill health.

Panel rejects Volvo merger

By COLIN NARBROUGH

A SWEDISH government commission has rejected the proposed £3.7 billion merger deal between Volvo, the motor group and Procordia, a food and pharmaceutical group in which the Swedish state has an important stake. The tie-up, if allowed to proceed, would create Sweden's biggest conglomerate. Curt Nicolin, head of the

commission, said the advantages that might exist for Volvo were counter-balanced by disadvantages for Procordia, and little synergy could be detected. "The commission considers that the bid should be rejected," he told a press conference after the commission ended two days

But Mr Nicolin said the conservative government still intended to sell its Procordia stake, possibly in the next few months. The commission was established to advise the government on disposals of state assets. The final decision now rests with the government, which earlier indicated it would approve the expert

panel's recommendations. Mr Nicolin said the merger would have forged a bond between the state and private industry and delay privatisation. This would run counter to the government's intention to open Sweden's long-sheltered home market to in-

creased competition. Pehr Gyllenhammar, the Volvo chairman, has argued that the merger would create a Swedish group of a scale large enough to face the compenitive challenge of a single European market. But his critics claim that a merger would produce an unsound concentration of power in Sweden's small economy.

Volvo and the government have equal stakes in Procordia of 42.7 per cent each of the voting rights. Although the government cannot prevent Volvo from proceeding with its takeover plan, the presence of the state as a large hostile shareholder would likely be unacceptable. Mr Gyllenhammar, who

has been largely insuccessful sify Volvo into the oil and food sectors, clearly upset the government by launching his bid plan last Saturday. Ministers feared his move could unsettle the privatisation programme and cut the price the government would receive for its Procordia stake.

BUSINESSAOUND UP

Associated Nursing

placing raises £6m.

ASSOCIATED Nursing Services ne Unlisted Securities Market health care group, has raise 6.3 million i prough a private placing and open offer of sages. The ship are placed by the Bank of Ireland and Pediture, the proker, at 120p, a 14p premium to the opening price. ANS is shares rose 37p to 143p in response to the salesful placking and the interim results. the interim results.

the interim results.

Pre-tax profits jumped 67 per cent to \$05,000 in weeks to October 12 on turnover only indealy his £9.4 million. Existing shareholders are \$50 peints with warrants, giving them the right to stitute for one new share at a price of 175p, for every share new at any time before the end of Septement House, there is no interim dividend (In). However, there is no interim dividend (1p).

ECC expands in US

ECC Group, the former English China Clays, is sanding £38 million upgrading its Georgia Kaolin business and is moving further into the Asian and Scandinavian meters. Andrew Teare, the ECC chief executive, said the stopp would spend £20 million increasing production of Asian and the stopp would spend £20 million increasing production of Asian and the stopp has the stopp and the products by 10 per cent a year at the plant near Augusta, Georgia. The rest of the money would go into new processing plants in Japan and Finland. The new capacity in Georgia, the first phase of a 650,000 tonnes a year planted increase would come on stream early next year. ECC is expectify. expansion in the European market for kaolin, most of which goes to the paper industry, and is also keen to increase its share of the Far East market.

Partridge plummets

PARTRIDGE Fine Art, the art and antiques dealer, says there remains considerable demand for the very finest pieces, where prices have held up. But the recession has still pieces, where prices have held up. But the recession has still halved profits. Pre-tax profits of £2.16 million for the year to October, compared with £4.11 million on sales of £9.64 million, down from £13.2 million. Earnings per share fell from 11.77p to 6.54p. The final dividend is 1.25p, which makes 2.25p, down from 3.85p last time. Business improved in the second half, but the period of difficult trading may continue for some time. The significant drop trading may continue for some time. "The significant drop in the company's American business resulting from the conflict in the Middle East is not showing signs of fully returning to its previous levels," Partridge said.

Civil engineer slides ASSOCIATED British Consultants, the building and civil

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engineering consultant, suffered a 61 per cent shump in firsthalf profits because of the recession in the construction industry. Pre-tax profits dived from £842,000 to £327,000 in the six months to end-October on turnover down from £6.58 million to £5.36 million. Margins at the core structural engineering business remained under pressure. However, costs were reduced, reflecting staff and overhead reductions. Prospects for an improvement in the construction industry remain uncertain, although new structural engineering work has been higher in the last few months. Earnings per share slid from 7p to 2.7p, but the interim dividend is maintained at 2.2p. The shares lost 2p to 75p.

Corroon in £8m buy

WILLIS Corroon group has continued its international development with the acquisition of Richards Melling, one of the largest insurance broking groups in Canada, for £8.3 million. The company, which is based in Montreal, has 240 employees in 14 offices throughout Canada and had a 1991 turnover of Can\$16.5 million £7.8 million). The company will be renamed Willis Corroon Melling and will operate within the group's direct risk management and insurance broking business. Fred Melling, who has led the firm since 1967, will continue as chief executive. John Wooderson-chairman of Willis Corroon, will become chairman. Willis Corroon is paying just over Can\$14.7 million cash, with the rest in the form of shares in the Canadian holding company.

Clarke Hooper suffers 52% drop in profits

By PHILIP PANGALOS

CLARKE Hooper, the marketing services group, suffered a 52.5 per cent slump in first-half profits in continuing poor trading conditions.

The international sales promotion company saw pre-tax profits dive from £1.73 million to £820,000 in the six months to end October, as turnover fell from £27.7 million to £23.7 million.

The United Kingdom. where clients include Guinness. Heinz, PepsiCo and Sony, accounts for only 30 per cent of group operating

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profits. About 65 per cent come from America, where the group acts for most of the Japanese car manufacturers through MultiMedia, the Los Angeles sales promotion subsidiary. Other big American customers include McDonald's and Nabisco. Canada, where Laban's is the main customer, accounts for about

There was an extraordinary debit of \$44,000. Earnings per share plunged from 7.1p to 2.8p, but the interim dividend was maintained at 1.7p.

Saville Gordon returns

SAVILLE Gordon, the property, engineering and securities trading group, has bounced back into the black with pre-tax profits of £1.3 million for the six months to end-October.

year, the company reported a pre-tax loss of E2.4 million after its securities and commodities trading division plunged to an operating loss of E3.4 million suffering from equity portfolio write-downs. By contrast, in the first half of this year the securities division contributed an operating profit of £240,000.

Operating profits from the property division fell slightly to 23 million, but still covered

pipeholding equipment and stockholding division fell from £956,000 to £636,000. said he was confident that profitability would continue to improve in the second half. accordingly unchanged at

In the same period of last

a reduced group interest charge of £2.6 million. Profits earned by the

John Saville, chairman, The interim dividend was

Air France is to increase flights from City airport

BY MARTIN WALLER

AIR France will operate seven return flights a day to Paris from London City airport from March 30, the first European carrier to announce an expansion of services since the airport was granted permission, in September, to extend the runway and bring in oigger aircraft.

Air France currently oper-ates eight daily flights to Paris in a joint venture with Brymon Airways. The new service will be under Air France's own banner, using ATR 42 propeller-driven aircraft built by Aerospatiale, of

Brymon has confirmed that it intends to continue with three flights a day. A third carrier, CrossAir, operating in conjunction with Swissair, is expected to announce soon that it will fly BAe 146 jets into London

City airport.
Bill Charnock, managing director of the airport, said there was interest from other carriers using BAe 146s and propeller-driven Fokker 50s, and he was confident at least two others would confirm plans to operate out of London City in time for the summer season, flying to various European capitals.

In September, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, approved the runway extension and the use of larger aircraft such as the BAe 146. the Fokker 50 and the ATR 42. The runway extension has now been completed and will be operational in time for the start of the



Charnock: delighted

summer timetables on March 30.

Mr Charnock forecast that the number of passengers using the loss-making airport would grow to the break-even point of 450,000 to 500,000 by 1993 or 1994.

London City is 90 per cent owned by John Mowlem, the building group. Since it was built four years ago, for £36 million, the airport has announced losses totalling £11 million. Airlines currently fly from the airport to Paris, Brussels and Rotterdam, but the key to future viability is the ability to bring in flights from much further afield in Europe using the larger

Mr Charnock said: "We are delighted that Air France has chosen London City as a ma-jor centre for business travel in Europe. This confirms our opti-

mism in the future of the airport and is the first of a number of announcements we expect in the coming weeks from airlines offering new or extended routes."

is winner By Ross Tieman MALCOLM Rifkind, the transport secretary, yesterday confirmed Teesside Holdings as the successful bidder for the assets of the Tees & Hardepool Port Authority

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(THPA). However, he failed to quell the controversy surrounding the first privatisation of one of Britain's trust John Hackney, the head of the unsuccessful management and employee consortium, said he would consult lawyers with a view to seeking

judicial review of Mr Rifkind's decision. Geoffrey Parker, the chairman of Maritime Transport Services, which bid £22 million more than the £180 million offered for the port by Teesside, said he was "reconsidering" his interest in other

trust ports. Mr Rifkind said he had paid careful attention to representations from the management consortium and MTS and had taken legal advice from counsel before confirming the sale recom-mendation made by the

THPA board. Mr Rifkind gave a detailed rebunal of a series of charges that the board had failed to pay proper heed to its own criteria for assessing the four competing bids for the port assets. However, Mr Parker said Mr Rifkind's position was "very hard to under-stand." He added: "in the absence of a clear explanation, it makes us question our

MT Hackney said Mr Rilkind's decision was likely to stymie privatisation move by any port which had not already embarked on the sale process. He said: "If this government is returned to power. I think the secretary of state will have to use to powers to force the rest of the trust ports into the private

Putting a value on the intangible step forward to making balance sheets By GRAHAM SEARJEANT

FINANCIAL EDITOR

INTANGIBLE assets such as brand names and publishing tides can be valued consistently and separately for balance sheet purposes, according to a report drawn up by Arthur Andersen. the accountant, and submitted to the Accounting Standards Board.

The report was commissioned in May 1991 by 11 household-name consumer goods, publishing and pharmaceutical companies, including Grand Metropoli-

Most of the companies already include some valuation for brand names or similar intangibles, usually to protect their balance sheets after taking over companies at prices that include a large goodwill premium over balance sheet vorth, which would otherwise have to be

written off. They were anxious to counter a 1989 report by the London Business School, which came out against valuing brands in balance sheets, and a subsequent exposure draft from the former Accounting Standards Committee. This proposed that, in the exceptional cases where intangibles were included, they should normally be written off over 20 vears or less.

The Arthur Andersen study says that there are internationally consistent methods for valuing intangibles and that ments and financing.

intangibles should be valued on their economic worth in terms of the discounted present value of future profits or cash flow based on past performance.

mean something" Brand names, intellectual property rights such as patents, publishing rights and licences could all often be valued separately from associated tangible assets in this way. Graham Walker, of Arthur Andersen, said there was a presumption that intangible assets existed when takeovers included a high payment for goodwill. The valuation would normally be lower than the goodwill

The study argues that, unless they have a limited life, as in the case of patents, intangibles should be regularly valued but not depreciated

Advertising and promotion costs to maintain brand names would be deducted from profits in calculating their value.

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> David Nash, finance director of Grand Metropolitan, said that recognising the value of intangibles "would be a

Ray Hinton, of Arthur Andersen, acknowledged that it would be logical for all working assets and intangible assets to be valued regularly on the same basis. However, the report stops short of recommending any formal accounting meannent.

involvement in further trust port bids."

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Monthly mortgage lending falls 15%

GROSS mortgage lending dropped by 14.8 per cent to E3.2 billion in December and net new morgage comminments fell sharply to \$2.5 billion, down from just over £3 billion in November, according to the Building Societies Association.

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mark Bottom one assuma-tion's director, general, an-nounced yesterday that the level of gross mortgage lend-ing was similar to the figure for December 1990 and could "largely be explained by seasonal factors", as the Christmas and New Year holiday reduced house buying activity.

The relative weakness of ner new commitments and commitments outstanding in December suggest that lending will be subdued in the next few months," he said. There is some evidence that interest in house purchases has increased but it will be a little time before any such increase shows through in the lending figures."

Building societies recorded a continuing outflow of savings in December for the second month running with net receipts falling by £54

million. In November, withdrawals exceeded deposits by £49 million as investors used savings to apply for shares in the recent British Telecom flotation.

This was the first time net receipts had fallen since Nov-ember 1990, when savers withdrew money for shares in the 12 regional electricity

companies.

Mr Boleat said the continuing fall in net receipts in December had been expect-ed. "The pattern of building society savings in December continued to be distorted by the British Telecom flotation at the beginning of this

"As expected, cash associated with unsuccessful share applications and the sale of BT shares has been slow to find its way back into society accounts. Also recent evidence suggests that savings are being held back by households' desire to restrain borrowing."

The association is "optimistic" that the figures for January will show a small net inflow of funds. Money coming in from savers topping up their tax exempt special sav-

ings accounts (Tessas) should make an impact. Those who opened accounts when they first became available in January 1990 are allowed to put in up to £1,800 this year. But the association said:

"We are not sure how much Tessa savings will be reflected in the figures because a lot of savings will be transferred from existing accounts. On the whole, the savings picture is weak and people are using their savings to pay off credit cards and reduce other

borrowings."
Christmas shoppers appear
to have dipped into their building society savings rather than run up debt. Recent government and Bank of England figures confirmed a reluctance to borrow.

Economists say people are worried about unemployment and anxious to pay off previous large debts. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, would like to see an upturn in consumer demand to help the economy out of recession. He is also hoping for a revival of the housing market, but the figures from the BSA show little



Loitering within tent: Eurocamp's managing director, Richard Atkinson (left) and chairman, Tom Neville, said the camping holiday specialist has comfortably met profit forecasts issued when it was floated last year. Pro-forma pre-tax profits for the 12 months to end-October were E8.2 million, against forecasts of £8.02 million and an actual £5.7

million in 1990. Earnings were 21.1p a share, compared with 19.1p. and there is a maiden final dividend of 5.5p, as promised. The shares fell 11p to 327p on profit taking yesterday, but are at a premium to the flotation price of 225p. The company said the Gulf war had an adverse impact on trading in the first quarter last year, when bookings are

normally at a peak. This was offset by a modest recovery in Britain later and strong growth in The Netherlands and Germany. Early booking promotions this year produced "satisfactory" returns, stimulated by the appointment of Eurocamp and a subsidiary. Sunsites. as selected tour operators for Euro Dis-Tempus page 18

EC wants insurance blueprint

FROM REUTER IN BRUSSELS

ALL European Community countries should lay down minimum standards for insurance brokers and make sure that any links between them and insurance com-panies are disclosed, says the European Commission.

In a recommendation to EC governments, it called for action to ensure consumers could take advantage of wider choice of insurance policies once harriers to cross-border trade are abolished in the

post-1992 single market. The Commission asked governments to report by the end of 1994 on what mea-sures they had taken. It said it reserved the right to propose binding EC legislation if its recommendation did not produce results. The Community has already agreed to allow consumers to buy life insur-ance from a local insurance broker offered by a company in another EC state.

The emerging market will give European consumers more choice than ever between competing companies and products. This increases the need for qualified insurance intermediaries." Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner responsible for financial services, said.

Retailers remain wary despite increased sales

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

JANUARY sales have proved to be slightly stronger than retailers had expected, with turnover up on last year, but there is still no sign of a general upturn. Retailers say that the start of the Gulf War in January last year made the 1990 winter sale one of the worst ever.

Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman of Sears, which includes Selfridges, Dolcis, Adams, Wallis, Warehouse and Olympus Sport, said he believed retailers were experiencing sales in January 4 per cent to 5 per cent up on last year, but he added that trading was abysmal in January of last year.

He said: "For the first fortnight of the Gulf War, people stayed at home and watched the reports coming in from the Gulf. No-one was buying anything. This January, footwear and clothing are showing signs of picking up, but on the whole, customers are still buying what they need

rather than what they want."
Mr Maitland Smith believes consumer confidence is unlikely to recover before the election, when consumers will be more certain about how much they will have to spend for the rest of the year.

Richard Dixon, spokesman for Storehouse, which includes Mothercare, BhS. Habitat, Blazer and Richards, said the first few days of the sale had been extremely



Maitland Smith: sales up

were well up on last year. Sales this January are roughly in line with January 1989. when Storehouse benefited from a good BhS perfor-mance. He said: "Trading has been stronger since the beginning of October. We do not expect a general upturn before the Budget although womenswear is showing a slightly firmer trend."

Andrew Higginson, finance director of Laura Ashley, said: "The whole Christmas and new year period was better than we expected. Weheld out for full margin before the sale and then during the sale we sold the bulk of goods at the first discount price. Although turnover for the group was down overall. margins were the same or slightly ahead of last year."

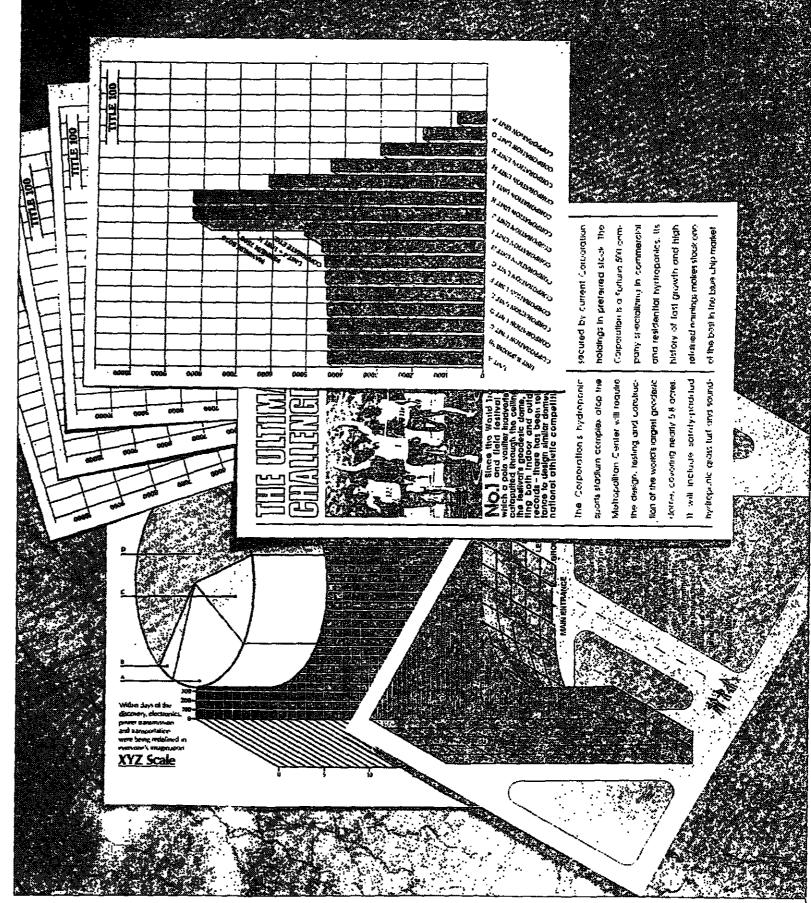
John Lewis, which reports its sales figures weekly, said Christmas was not a vintage one for the department stores. Sales peaked at a record £42 million but that was below the group's estimate. Waitrose. the group's supermarket chain, had a better Christmas with sales 10 per cent up on last Christmas and well ahead of estimates.

After a strong start to the January sales, with sales significantly ahead of last year. trading last week was thin at the group's department

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the Confederation of British Industry Distributive Trades Survey, said the level of optimism among retailers depended on when they were surveyed. In the week beginning December 13, retailers, depressed by the poor start to Christmas, said they expected January to be worse. By Christmas week, when sales were strong, they felt more positive about prospects for

Overall, the retailers surreyed by the CBI expect January sales volumes to show the first fall after five months of modest improvement.

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Germans dampen **UK** rate hopes

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A PICK-UP in German money supply, combined with a forecast from a Bundesbank board member that German inflation shows no signs of early slowing, dampened speculation that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will cut British rates in the Budget.

The mark strengthened sharply after the Bundesbank figures and the speech from Otmar Issing, its board member, pushing the dollar back below DM 1.60. The pound retreated to DM2.8681, down well over a quarter plennig. A survey showing a iresh dip in American consumer confidence depressed the dollar further.

Bundesbank figures : showed Germany's broad money supply measure, M3. growing at an annualised 5.7 per cent in December, up from 5.1 per cent in November. The annual rate for the fourth quarter was 5.2 per

cent, which overshot the target growth range of 3 to 5 per cent. The Bundesbank played down the overshoot, underlining that it was only a "minimal 0.2 per cent outside the range. For this year, it has been set at 3.5 to 5.5 per cent.

Herr Issing noted that since the middle of last year M3 had grown at an annual 8 per cent. accelerating to 9.5 per cent in the last three months, mainly reflecting higher lending. He gave warning that the "hardening of the inflation mentality endangers economic growth and with it the opportunity for a rise in real earnings." Carlos Solchaga, the Spanish economy minister, ruled out any early move to put the peseta in the narrow. 2.25 fluctuation bands of the

European exchange-rate

mechanism. He said Spain

would not cut interest rates

while its inflation was rela-

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Eurocamp holds its place in the sun

new issues but Eurocamp bucked the trend and continues to enjoy strong support. The shares, offered at 225p last June, yesterday closed at 327p and have consistently defied those who thought the issue price was on the high side.

The stock has undoubtedly benefited from the success of other quoted holiday companies, notably Airtours, but a solid performance in a difficult year should encourage investors to support the company on its own merits.

Profits for the year to end-October comfortably met flo-tation forecasts, with profits rising from £5.7 million before tax to £8 million on a pro forma basis, giving earnings of 21.1p a share, from which a maiden final dividend of 5.5p is paid.

Profits advanced despite the outbreak of war in the Gulf last January which affected consumer interest Eurocamp's busiest period. United Kingdom profits were also affected by high mortgage rates and stiff competition from Airtours' own self-drive holiday company. in fact, growth was attrib-uted almost entirely to Eurocamp's operations in Holland and Germany, which accounted for 35 per cent of bookings.

Competition remains intense this year but the impact should be offset by improved demand now mortgage rates have fallen. The company was chosen as tour operator for Euro Disney

positive impact. In the longer benefits will accrue from the Channel tunnel, which will encourage selfdrive holidays, and the growth of the key 33 to 44 age group. Eurocamp's main Charles Mason, the BZW

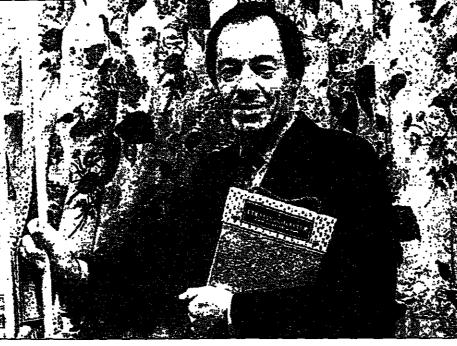
analyst, expects profits of f9.2 million this year, with earnings of 24.1p. The price/earnings ratio of 13.4 places Eurocamp on a small premium to Airtours and reflects the steady nature of its earnings, which are not exposed to sudden changes in oil prices or volatile currency markets. Eurocamp's Achilles' heel is its uneven cash flow, which could restrain longer-term growth.

Colefax and Fowler

FADING customers joined laded elegance as the latest fashion at Colefax and Fowler, the prestige wall-paper and furnishings group. as the recession bit deeper. David Green, the chief

executive, says the group has seen no signs of improvement in any of its principal markets and the directors believe that a change is unlikely in the near future.

It will have come as no surprise to shareholders that the group, which in 1989/90 made profits of more than £4 million, has been badly hit by the recession. The slumps in the housing market and consumer confidence made it a



Holding firm: David Green says maintained dividend is sign of confidence

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end October were E505,000, against E815,000, on sales of £14.8 million. down from £14.4 million. The group paid no tax in the six months, and earnings per share were 2p, down from 2.36p. The interim dividend has been held at 1.3p which, Mr Green says, is a sign of

the directors' confidence. While trading may be tough however, the group has strengths. The Colefax and Fowler brand name is one of the strongest in the business, with the Jane Churchill brand a favourite

among the Fulham set. The balance sheet is healthy, and growing European sales should more than offset the costs of expanding into Paris. The United Kingdom now accounts for 40 per cent of sales and America for 45

The shares, down 2p at 59p, are trading on 13.7 times current year earnings, assuming profits of £1.1 million for the full year, and 11.8 times next year's earnings, assuming profits of £1.5 million (Kleinwort Benson). The shares are worth holding for some time off. In the short term, they look fairly valued. Usher-Walker

DAVID Williams, the man who transformed Press Tools, the sleepy Midland engineer, into Mosaic Mutant Turtle licence growth. holder, is at it again.

Eight months after he moved into Usher-Walker, a family controlled ink and roller maker. Mr Williams has pulled off his first major acquisition, the £3.8 million purchase of HDP, a press-room chemicals manufacturer, from the receivers. This time Mr Williams is

taking a different tack, using synergy benefits to build on a sound core business, rather than completely transforming the nature of the original company. However, there is a catch. Before shareholders can enjoy the juicy profits from the acquisition programme, they first have to take the pain of what will be a grim set of 1991 figures.

The company has warned that poor fourth-quarter trading and a number of exceptional restructuring costs "will have a significant effect on last year's profits.

Given that the company made only £400,000 before tax in 1990, this may mean that Usher-Walker will be reporting little better than a breakeven result in April. For the benefit of sceptical commitment to hold the final dividend at 3.75p. making

5.75p against 5.5p. Usher is to finance HDP deal, and a £789.000 French acquisition also announced yesterday, through a E6 million placing and onefor-one offer of new shares at 155p. The fund-raising will reduce gearing to 35 per cent and leave the company well placed for the next stage of

Usher could make £1.6 million in the current year. City confidence in the track record of Mr Williams means that the shares trade on a PE ratio of about 13.

Disney helps Dow to move higher

New York - Shares, which had lost a small early advance, rose in the mid-morning after Walt Disney opened. The Dow Jones industrial average had shown little movement when Disney, a component of the Dow average. opened nearly 5 higher after an order imbalance and this lifted the Dow 8.39 points to

Hong Kong - Prices fin-ished firmer, but below the day's highs, as profit-taking emerged when the Hang Seng index failed to breach the 4,600 level, brokers said. The Hang Seng index end-ed 31.60 points higher at 4,586.33. Turnover edged ahead to HK\$2.05 billion

days rumover of HK\$2.04 billion. The broader Hong Kong index was up 20.42 points to 2,004,19. ☐ Frankfurt - Shares ended

floor-trading virtually unchanged as caution gripped the market after a week of near seven month nights. The Dax index closed 0.5 of a point down; 31 1.083.08.

D Sydney — Shares closed higher after recovering from the sale of a large British portfolio. The all-ordinaries index closed the automatics are sales of the sale index closed 10.1 points up at

☐ Singapore — Prices closed lower on profit-taking. The ended at 1.538.28, down

Futures lift Nikkei

Tokyo - Prices closed higher in thin trading, pulled up by a technical recovery in the futures market. The Nikkei index rose 383.41 points, or 1.83 per cent, to 21,390.52. In the absence of heavy

selling, bargain-hunting and futures-linked buying raised prices, but most investors remained on the sidelines as a result of worries about excess supply as well as political scandals. The market opened higher on firm futures prices. The Nikkei reached its peak for the day just before the close, when it climbed 413.67 points. Turnover was about 160 million shares, compared with 137 million on Monday.

Rising issues outnumbered falls by three to two, with 548 higher, 350 lower and 203

SAS sets its sights on Swedish domestic airline

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

line, is determined not to miss out in the corporate shake-out that the conservative government in Sweden has triggered with its drive to privatise and deregulate.

In an interview with The Times, Jan Carlzon, the SAS president, indicated that his airline, half of which is owned by the governments of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, has its eye firmly on Linjeflyg. the Swedish domestic carrier, as part of its broader strategy. The state is an important shareholder in Linjeflyg through ABA, which owns 50 per cent of airline. The other half of the company is held by Bilspedition, the freight group, which seeks to back out of the airline after an unhappy flirtation with the

An attempt by SAS to take over the loss-making Linjeflyg and its 5 million passengers could, however, find opposition from the government



Carlzon: no subsidy

which is aiming to foster competition. The government has been angered by the £3.7 billion bid from Volvo for Procordia, the food and pharmaceutical group part-owned by the state, as it appears to be an attempt by Volvo to force the pace of privatisation and ensure that state assets do not go to foreign rivals. Mr Carlzon, whose airline

SAS, the Scandinavian air- comes under European Community rules through Denmark's involvement, is highly critical of the current regulatory situation. in which crossborder mergers are effectively blocked. He foresees deregulation in Europe next year reducing the number of bigger carriers to a handful, with the rest relegated to niche players. His fear is that European airlines with too small a share of their home base will be exposed to aggressive expansion of the American

mega-carriers. We strongly want totally free competition in Europe." Mr Carlzon said. "They [Brussels] have to set competition free, not just prices. The market must be open to mergers. And subsidies need to be ended." He said SAS. which has receives no subsidies, had only 57 per cent of its home market, the lowest percentage of any leading European carrier."Unless we have a good grip on our home

can compete fairly in Europe," he said. He noted that British Airways had 65 per cent of its home market and many national carriers, such as Air France, had total control. He attributed SAS's low share to its ownership being spread across three countries, a factor likely to complicate moves by the Scandinavian governments to dispose of their holdings.

Mr Carlzon left no doubt that a tie-up between British Airways and KLM would hit SAS, western Europe's fourth biggest airline, hard. But with the financial merger option closed for the present. SAS had to go for "alliances" such as that established with Swissair and Austrian Air. Its stakes in British Midland and Continental, expected to emerge soon from chapter 11 administration, are key parts of SAS global strategy.

STOCK MARKET

Allied-Lyons tops list in the Hanson target guessing game

THE news that Hanson will not be bidding for ICI means that the speculators can begin working out which company the acquisitive industrial conglomerate will target next. There is a small number of candidates and the field is certain io grow. However, inc favourite at the moment is Allied-Lyons, the big food and drinks group. Allied found itself on the

receiving end of an unwanted bid - from Elders IXL, the Australian brewery - in 1985. The bid was referred to the monopolies commission. More recently. Allied has been seen as a target for Anheuser-Busch of America. the world's biggest brewery, and Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco group.

Allied is regarded in some quarters as an ideal target for Hanson. The group is capahle of strong earnings growth, but would be easy to Allied recovered from an early 5p fall to finish 6p

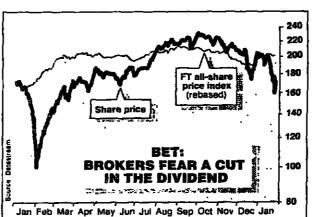
dearer at 642p as 1.5 million shares changed hands. United Biscuits. 3p stronger at 408p, is also thought to be a potential target for Hanson. Hanson lost an early lead to finish 612p cheaper at 208p. The address by Lord Hanson. the chairman, may have impressed the private shareholders, but it appeared to make little impact on the City.

Hanson continues to enjoy a

paper profit on its 2.8 per

cent stake in ICI, which ended only 2p lower on the day at £12.67. Hanson paid £11.94 a share for its investment. The rest of the equity market continued to make headway despite the latest CBI survey. This showed a continuing decline in orders and business confidence.

Dealers in the Square Mile appear to be pinning their



hopes on an imminent cut in bank base rates in the wake of the G7 talks at the weekend. The FT-SE 100 index

closed near its best of the day with a rise of 12.1 to 2,552.0. helped by the Dow Jones industrial average which rose 17 points in early trading on Wall Street before President

at long last for the shareholders in Fisons, up 20p to 369p. The group is to resume production of Opticrom, its eye treatment, after an inspection of production methods by the Medicines Control Agency. Dealers say that this is an important step forward for the group, which had seen its

Taylor Woodrow, the construction group, fell 5p to 128p after profit downgradings by Charterhouse Tilney and Hoare Govett. TW is expected, at best, only to break even for last year after further provisions for the Channel tunnel and its luxury housing project in Kensington. Hoare had originally forecast pre-tax profits of £20 million.

Bush's State of the Union Government securities

spent a better day, closing with gains of almost E 2 at the longer end. Pickwick, the video and au-

dio reproduction group. surged 67p to 240p after agreeing to a £69 million bid from Carlton, the film and television services group The terms value Pickwick

at 245p a share and there is a cash alternative of 220p. Pearson, which owns 20 per cent of Pickwick, has accepted the offer. Cariton fell 5p to

There was some good news

share price fall sharply after last year's withdrawal of Opticrom and Imferon in America by the Food and Drug Administration.

Lourho, the pan-African trading group, which upset the market last week by cutting its dividend, rallied 9p to 126p. The group is planning a series of presentations for analysts and fund managers to discuss the situation.

Meanwhile, investors continued to target other companies facing the possibility of a cut in dividend. BET, the industrial services

group, suffered a bad mauling, with the price down 17p

159p after briefly touching 151p. The company's own broker, UBS Phillips & Drew, is believed to have reduced its pre-tax profit estimate for the current year to £110 million and is warning clients that a cut in the dividend may be on

The rest of the market has been bracing itself for a sharp fall in profits for sometime with estimates ranging up to £135 million compared with £217 million last time. UBS Phillips & Drew is also said to be warning of a possible cut in the 13.25p dividend.

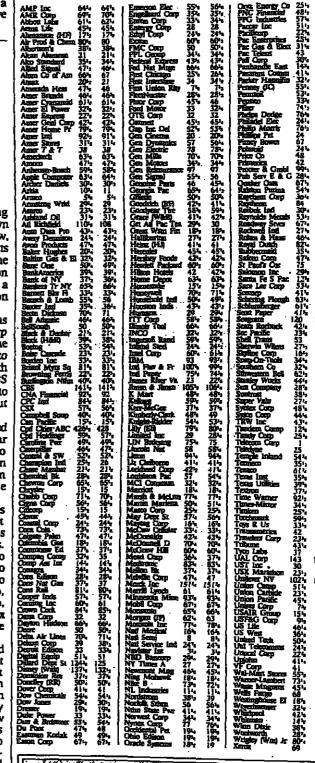
Rank Organisation railied 2p to 609p ahead of full-year figures tomorrow, expected to reveal a sharp downturn in pretax profits. A question mark hangs over the

But the water companies continued to attract support from the income funds because of their strong yields. Northumbrian rose 4p to 373p, North West 6p to 355p. Severa Treat 4p to 331p. Southern 4p to 329p, South West 2p to 331p, Thames 5p to 364p, Wessex 14p to 395p and Yorkshire 5p to 380p.

Northern Foods jumped 20p to 578p on learning that 94.1 per cent of its recent rights issue had been taken up. The rump of 3.3 million shares was placed jointly by Cazenove and Smith New Court at 568p. The proceeds from the rights were used to finance the acquisition of Express Dairy from Grand Metropolitan.

Williams Holdings, the acquisitive industrial conglomerate, which recently failed in its attempt to win control of Racal Electronics, fell 11p to 323p after being criticised by one of the City's financial watchdogs.

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REDUCED losses at Marine Midlanc Banks have raised hopes that the troubled American offshoot of HSBC Holdings could return to profitability as early

as this year. The New York state regional bank group yesternay posted a smaller than expected ner loss of \$189.9 million for the year to end-December, compared with a loss of \$295.6 million in the

previous year. The net loss for the fourth quarter was \$23.8 million. down from \$164.3 million for the same period in 1990.

The group has been plagued by poor performance of property and commercial loans in the north-eastern region and bad loans to less developed countries John Bond, the president and chief

executive seconded from the parent

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

poration last year, gave a positive review of the year's results and promised substantial improvement for this year. He said: "We are beginning to see the results of the changes we have been making to put Marine back on course for the

Results offer hope of early return to profit

"Despite a difficult economic environment and continuing real estate problems, we see some light at the end of the tunnel and we expect a considerable improvement in 1992."

Mr Bond said the group had eliminated its LDC exposure, and was in a strong capital position with good liquidity. The Tier I capital ratio at the year end improved to 7.66 per cent from 5.84 per cent at the end of 1990.

Marine was one of three subsidiaries contributing losses to HSBC, the holding company for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The others were Hongkong Bank of Australia and James Capel, its British stockbroking arm. Analysts are predicting that there will

be a significant turnround this year after Hongkong Bank shocked them with a 35 per cent plunge in net profits to HK\$3.096 billion (£222.4 million) for

Forecasts range between 25 per cent and 50 per cent profit growth for the full year, with the bank's losses reduced in America and Australia, and James Capel returning to profit.

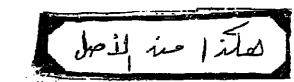
Keith Wu, an analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, who is forecasting a 35 per cent growth in 1991 net profits to HK\$4.1 billion for HSBC, said: "We expect to see a turnround for the bank because of the substantial provisions they made last year." He added: "The only depressing factor is the Hongkong Bank of Australia."

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Williams Holdings, could tell any other company chairman who cares to listen that accounting is not what it was. Mr Rudd disagreed with an accounting standard that said exceptional profits must be included in pre-tax profits and formal earnings calculations, even though that would usually have benefited Williams profits. So, with full disclosure, Williams failed to use it. Yesterday, the review panel that enforces standards under the new regime of the Financial Reporting Council told the world Mr Rudd was wrong.

Williams shares initially fell by 6 per cent.
The days of almost infinite choice are over and accounting standards are to be obeyed. No wonder the likes of Reed International and Ranks Hovis McDougall, whose balance sheets depend for respectability on acquired brand names, are anxious to influence deliberations of the Accounting Standards Board on new rules for valuing goodwill and other intangibles in advance. At Grand Metropolitan, for instance, the balance sheet value of brands bought since 1985 accounts for £2.3 billion of shareholders' funds of £3.4 billion and gearing would look horrendous without them.

In David Tweedie, the ASB chairman, finance directors have an ally in the search for more meaningful balance sheets, but the content of a new standard is no foregone conclusion. Only accounting diehards could deny that the name Guinness, for instance, has enormous intrinsic value as demonstrated by licensing agreements. But how far can this principle be stretched before it breaks? What might be the intangible balance sheet worth of a firm of money brokers or advertising agents, most of whose goodwill and expertise could eventually walk out of the door? Arthur Andersen has demonstrated that consistent measures of valuing intangibles are available, even though subjectivity remains. Before the battle for brand names is won, it will be necessary to devise a standard that can apply across the whole spectrum of acquired goodwill without collapsing under its own absurdity.

Hanson recants

o judge by the self-serving guff that blemishes many an annual report, the hardest thing in the world for most captains of industry to admit is that they were wrong. Lord Hanson's admirers would expect something better. It was apparent long ago that the foray into ICI was misjudged and it was a satisfactory end to the episode that Lord Hanson frankly admitted as

For Lords Hanson and White, two men who have scarcely put a foot wrong in building up one of Britain's most successful post-war businesses, the ICI affair was completely out of character, both in conception of the strategy and the likely public reaction to it.

Why they might have thought that ICI's board would see any business merit in a link with made a year earlier was firmly rebuffed, remains a mystery. Why they should be surprised that ICI reacted as if a hostile takeover was in the offing when Hanson refused, until yesterday, to deny the possibility publicly is also hard to answer.

Having admitted their error, Lords Hanson and White will hopefully return to what they do best, with splendidly timed and sensible moves such as the Beazer takeover and maybe, if the market is reading the tealeaves correctly, an attempt to bring the temporarily distracted Allied Lyons under its wing.

Takeover clouds gather down the route for BAe

Problems of leadership, strategy and recession are combining to make

British Aerospace vulnerable to attack. William Kay reports

ast week's crash of the Airbus A320 airliner in France's Vosges mountains was very nearly the last straw for Sir Graham Day, the normally unflappable but strictly stopgap chairman of British Aerospace, the civil and military aircraft manufacturer and owner of the Rover car business. Only the previous day. Sir Graham had had to confirm that Dudley Eustace, BAe's finance director, was leaving "by mutual agreement" after the forth-

coming annual meeting.

The day before that, the weekend press had been full of the revelation that the company was facing an £80 million indemnity to make up for the fall in market value of properties that BAe injected into a joint venture with Asda, the supermarket chain.

These bad-news items followed a corporate explosion last September when BAe ushered in word of a 41 per cent fall in half-year profits with a breathtaking £430 million rights issue. That outbreak of foot-inmouth disease cost Professor Sir Roland Smith his chairmanship and accelerated the quiet departure of institutions from the share register. Of those remaining, the Pruden-tial has halved its stake to just over 2 per cent, worth £25 million.

Shareholder loyalty will be tested again next month, when Sir Graham is expected to reveal a pre-tax loss of £85 million, due to exceptional reorganisation and redundancy costs of £250 million. That will force the board to debate whether they can hold the dividend. The likely impact on the share price, still hovering around its 1991-2 low, may spark an opportunistic takeover bid.

The timing, coupled with BAe's roles as a leading supplier to the defence ministry, Britain's biggest manufacturing exporter and its only remaining large-scale car producer, could panic the government into sealing the company's fate before it blows up into a general election issue. BAe employs more than 125,000 people, with heavy concentrations in Warton, Lancashire; Cowley, in Oxford; and Chester.

As the government still holds a "golden share" capable of blocking any unwanted foreign takeover, the vourite rescuer is GEC. Last vear Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director and guiding light, held lengthy discussions with Sir Roland. The talks came to an end only in September, when BAe's financial problems became too much even for the wily professor to disguise. But insiders recognised at the time that that was not the end of the story. A Weinstock adviser was memorably quoted as saying of his master: "He is spinning his web. He is sitting in the middle of it and waiting." The time to strike may come soon.

SIR ROLAND SMITH Dec

BRITISH AEROSPACE FALLS FROM GRACE

Meanwhile the BAe share price is being dragged down by a series of

☐ Management. Although Sir Graham said it could take a year to find a suitable long-term replacement for Sir Roland, investors are becoming uneasy that no progress appears to have been made after three months. Sir Graham has taken temporary leave of absence from the boards of Laird Group, MAI and Thorn EMI, but he is still chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and Power-Gen. Institutions believe BAe's problems deserves the full-time at-

tention of a heavyweight chairman. However, those with the pedigree also have the nous to realise that this is a bad time to step in. And when someone does, he will want to throw all the bad news into his first set of potential investors.

Then there is Richard Evans, the chief executive. Critics dismiss him as little more than a salesman, and whisper that a new chairman would demand his head on a salver. It is notable that Evans has been bolstered by George Simpson, as deputy chief executive, who is credited with transforming Rover.

☐ Contracts. Mr Evans's survival may depend on his ability to talk the Saudis into extending the Al Yamamah arms contract from £2 billion a year to possibly £3 billion. BAe's supporters point out that the contract will continue, come what may. The current negotiations are about the extra £1 billion and in what mixture of cash and oil the bill will be paid.

The Al Yamamah contract is bound up in the intricacies of Arab bargaining; it also serves to obscure the huge shift in BAe's defence revenue from Nato to the Middle and Far East - neither of which is quite such a reliable payer.

ivil aircraft orders have been hit by the Gulf war and the recession. In that context, the French A320 crash did nothing to help sales of the airliner, which had already fallen from 404 to 101 last year. The 87 who died in an Indian A320 nearly two years ago. Although pilot error caused that disaster and may be at the root of the French crash, there have been persistent criticisms of the Airbus's computer systems. A dan-

gerous credibility gap is opening up. While the market for corporate jets, such as BAE's 125, has been depressed, sales to commuter airlines of the BAe 146, the ATP and the Jetstream, the group's own products, have been even worse. The future may lie in joint deals like the one being negotiated with Hindustan Aeronautics of Bangalore.

☐ Strategy. Where does BAe go from here? As they make "big ticket" items, the company's main aircraft and car divisions will be among the last sectors to recover from recession. The Asda imbroglio illustrates the troubles of the property sector. Mr Eustace's departure raises fears of another cash-raising exercise.

Not surprisingly, "a shambles" was one of the milder phrases used by fund managers to describe BAe's present plight. They are not happy.

Much hangs on Sir Graham's ability to clear the decks for his successor. Warburg Securities echoes the views of Hoare Govett and Kleinwort Benson, BAe's joint brokers, that 1992 will see a return to profits of about £200 million pretax. All departments are being tightened up, stocks reduced, and the rights issue will cut interest charges. That should be enough to warrant

maintaining the dividend. If not, the institutions may lumber into action: as it is, we can take it that BAe will make intensive efforts to woo them with presentations after the 1991 results are unveiled.

Nevertheless, it is hard to banish the suspicion that this is too good an opportunity for as seasoned a Whitehall campaigner as Lord Weinstock

A long wait for unitary EC trade mark

t the end of this year, the European Community will start a single market in goods and services. That cries out for a single Community-wide system for the protection of trade marks on those goods and services. Work started on proposals for a single European Trade Mark in 1964 but the prospect of realising this seems almost as far away as ever.

A directive to harmonise member states' national trade mark laws was passed in 1988 and must be implemented by each state by the end of 1992. However, harmonisation is an imperfect instrument and can never create a single trade mark having effect throughout the Community.

A draft regulation to establish just

such a unitary trade mark under Article 235 of the Treaty of Rome was first published in 1980. Member states are at last understood to be not far from agreement on its final form. After 12 years, however, it still seems a long way from being adopted by the Council of Ministers.

Member states are deadlocked on the political issues of where a Community Trade Mark office should be and what language it should use. The questions have appeared from time to time on agendas of ministerial meetings, but not high on them. and ministers seem reluctant even to try to reach any conclusion.

f we could place the office where it would best serve those who would use it. London would be the right choice. Be that as it may, what is especially important is the need to provide, somewhere, for those who do business in the community, the protection of a single trade mark valid throughout.

Unless this happens soon, there is likely to be competition from the growth of international trade mark registration under the Madrid Arrangement. That system. established a century ago, is already used by 30 countries, including eight EC member states, though not Britain or America. It enables businesses in those countries to obtain trade mark registrations in many of the others with one application.

In 1989, the four remaining EC states signed a protocol to the Madrid Arrangement. When they have ratified it — as the British govern-ment promises to do when the parliamentary timetable permits firms can use the system to obtain national protection in all EC member states, lessening the demand for a single Community system if one eventually becomes available.

Yet a bundle of national registrations is no substitute for the unitary Community Trade Mark. It is essential that the opportunity to establish that is taken now, before it is lost altogether. During the forthcoming British presidency of the Community, the government must do everything possible to ensure that the questions of language and location of the office are speedily resolved, so that the Community Trade Mark can at last become a reality.

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Expansive mind of Frame

chomping chairman of Wellcome, and chairman inwaiting of British Steel, has added yet another title to his name. However, it is not one that is likely to start share prices fluctuating. Sir Alistair, who takes on a part-time role at British Steel when Sir Robert Scholev retires in July. has taken on the chairmanship of the South Africa Club. an organisation in London for expatriates and investors. His first official duty was to host a dinner at the Savoy on Monday evening for Douglas Hurd, the globe-trotting for-eign secretary, who used the occasion to realfirm Britain's support for South Africa. "A thousand new jobs are needed a day," he told the 300 guests. "Only a South African economy beginning to move fast now can provide resources to meet these expectations." Perhaps Sir Alistair. past chairman of RTZ, the international mining and minerals group, has some iron-ore contracts in mind.

TIMELY reminder to clients in a framed notice in a City of London firm of solicitors: "Not catering to a rich uncle could cost you an arm and a

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CCOUNTANCY AND FINANCE

Atkinson's ascent RICHARD Atkinson liked the product so much he bought the company that made it. Well, not quite, but few executives can match Atkinson's rise through the ranks. Atkinson, managing director of Eurocamp, the self-drive holiday company.



"When did you first notice this sharp loss of business confidence?"

joined as a courier in 1975, straight out of university, and went on to participate in the management buyout of the company from Next for £32 million in 1988. Last year, he brought the company to the stock market, when it was valued at £55 million. "I was never promoted — the company just grew underneath says Aikinson, who, announcing the company's financial results yesterday. was quick off the mark when asked to find a tent in which to pose for a photograph. He borrowed one from a nearby branch of Blacks Leisure.

Timely delay BRITISH Rail may find itself under even greater pressure who face delays, after a timely incident this week. Brian Hilton, one of the key drafters of the Financial Services Act and head of the unit that is working on the citizen's charter, including plans for BR compensation, arrived at Charing Cross on Monday evening after a tiring day relaunching the charter, only

to discover his train had been cancelled. Unperturbed, he caught one bound for Tonbridge from where he could travel on to his home in Tunbridge Kent However, with Tonbridge in sight, the train stopped for 20 minutes, giving Hilton plenty of time to plot his revenge ..

THE general manager of the Institute of London Underwriters, a body that represents marine underwriters and has an annual report full of photographs of halfsubmerged or burnt-out ships — is a Mr Funnell. The general secretary is a Mr

Alphabet and soup ELECTRA, the venture capi-

tal house that is backing the buyout of Mirror Group Newspapers, has come up with an imaginative way of beating the post-Christmas blues. It is to host a series of dinners for luminaries from industry and the City at its offices in Kingsway, London, with guests invited according to the first letter of their surname. The subjects for discussion are to be chosen in alphabetical order. So who better to discuss "A is for Adertising", the first topic, than Robert Louis-Dreyfus, chief executive of Saarchi & Saarchi, and "B is for Banking" than Sir David Walker. eloquent chairman of the Securities and Investments Board. Electra intends to continue. its "Alpha-Beta" dinners for the next 24 months, right through to the end of the alphabet. All , together now: "Z is for ..."

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS Index-linked gilts are not the way

From Mr H.R. Wynne-

Sir. Dryden Gilling-Smith tries to persuade us (Friday January 24) that a pension fund invested in index-linked gilts is the only way for employers to ensure that pensions for employees maintain their purchasing power whilst they are in payment. Over the last ten years, pension funds have produced returns substantially in excess of the rate of inflation because they chose not to invest in indexlinked gilts. Had they been so invested then, the surpluses which have been applied to enhance and improve and protect pensions, would not

have arisen. Moreover, it is incautious to follow the policy suggested by Mr Gilling-Smith as it requires an investment commitment not only as regards the existing fund, but also as regards future contributions. If those contributions cannot be invested in an appropriate manner to match the corresponding liabilities because the price of index-linked gilts moves wrongly or, because there is an insufficient supply of adequately dated ones then, the commitment of the existing funds to such an investment policy would have been of no

Index-linked might well have their place in providing a medium of investment for insurance companies who wish to offer individual annuities of this type but, their performance is so poor that they are unattractive as a substantial investment for conventional pension funds. If this were not the case

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then the clamour of demand for such gilts would be so great that the Treasury would be seduced into offering yet more. As a medium of funding government debt, they transfer a substantial burden onto the the shoulders of future generations. The government is already burdening those generations with enough debt in state pension promises. They should not be tempted to increase that

The answer is for the goverriment to get rid of inflation and to discourage attitudes of surrender to it as proposed by Mr Gilling-Smith.

Yours faithfully H.R. WYNNÉ-GRIFFITH II Tufton Street, SW1

From Mr G.F.N. Knox

Sir, The article (January 24) on index-linked gilts was in-teresting but misleading. An invesment in 212 per cent of 2020 which was the longest dated index-linked stock available in 1986 would have only shown appreciation of 28 per cent or far less than the 41 per cent of the retail price

The main reason for the better performance of the index-linked index is that short dated stocks have been much better because when they have less than say five years to run they are the only low coupon capital appreciation stocks available and there is consequently a huge extra demand. Gilt-edged indices are useless over a long period because of the different rates of appreciation to redemption. From now on indexlinked may be a good invest-

ment but this is at least partly

because they have been so

poor in the past. Yours faithfully, G.F.N. KNOX. Maltings Chase. Nayland. Colchester, Essex.

Deprived of banking details

From Mr A. Fisher

Sir. Mr Rolt's letter (January 22) on bank charges highlights the inadequacy of those terse two lines labelled IN-TEREST and CHARGES on each quarter's statement, informing the customer of major debit charges, often running into many hundreds of pounds or more.

Banks should supply itemised invoices, just like restaurants, hotels or British Telecom. For each item of service, the invoice should show the numbers of cheques, standing orders, direct debits, deposits and arrangement fees, multiplied by their unit charge; and similarly for interest charges, the number of days overdrawn at an average balance, multiplied by the daily interest rate (and APR equivalent), for each period that interest rates remained the same.

Prices give out important signals to suppliers and customers alike, so that each can adjust their behaviour to maximum advantage. Even the citizens of Yeltsin's Russia are now discovering the raw power of market prices. How astonishing that Brit-

ish banks still fail to provide itemised invoices, thus depriving their customers of the invigorating effects of detailed price information! Yours sincerely.

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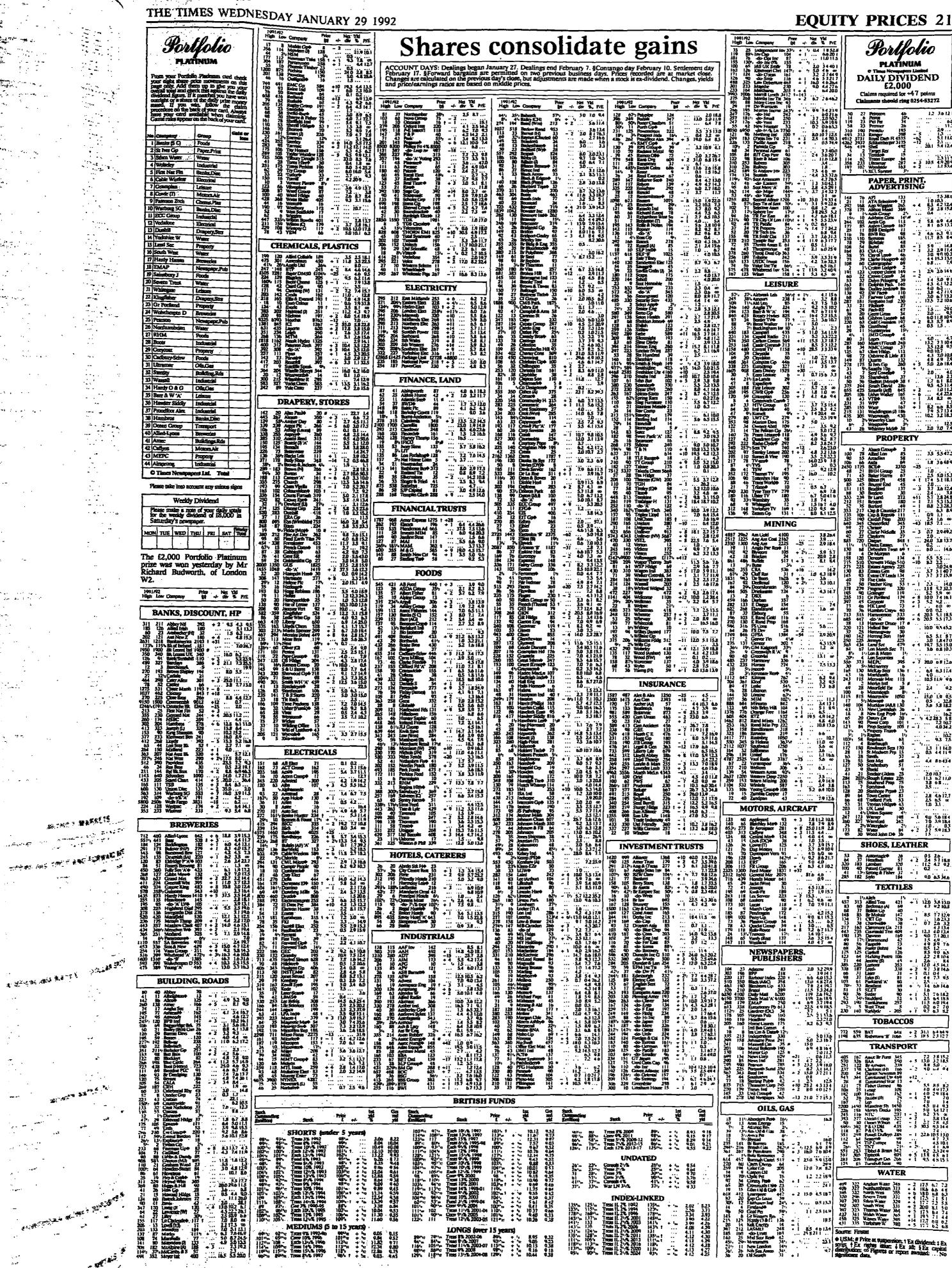
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Rafferty is putting his past behind him

Rafferty launches his Europe-an season in the Asian Classic in Bangkok tomorrow with a tournament victory to his name already this year and confident that the bizarre events of 1991 are behind

Rafferty, without a win for 16 months, captured the Palm Meadows Cup in Australia with a final round of 65 ten days ago. He earned £105,000 - the biggest cheque of his career - although the success meant more to him than the financial gain, because it should persuade the golfing public that he is back on track.

When Rafferty rose to the top of the Volvo Order of Merit in 1989, it seemed that he was on the threshold of becoming the next standardbearer for British golf. The Irishman possessed a welloiled swing and a hint of arrogance that all champions

Last year, his form deteriorated as he was overtaken by personal problems, which culminated in an episode that embarrassed the PGA European Tour, and also suffered illness and injury. In June, he walked out of the US Open after nine holes of the second round without offering an ex-planation, for which he was fined £5.000.

My own verdict on that is misadventure," Rafferty said.
"I was in a predicament because of the health of my wife, Clare, who was expecting a baby. Looking back, if I had stuck my head in a tent and said 'Look, I'm going' then nobody would have batted an eyelid. Because I didn't, then all hell broke out

it was personally a very good learning experience, and if the worse thing I do in my career is make an elementary error like that, then I'll be happy to live with it. The Tour did what they saw fit, fined me and nothing more has been said. I paid the penalty for making a wrong decision and I'm happy to live with

Rafferty, however, feels the

Ronan Rafferty is ready to re-establish himself as a potential major champion

and standard-bearer for British golf after spending a year in the doldrums.

Mitchell Platts reports

Open Championship, when he stood on the first tee for the opening round then once again turned to his playing partners to make his apologies. "I couldn't take the club back." he said.

The problem was a torn muscle in his left shoulder. Rafferty had resorted to having a cortisone injection. which he now regrets, and he requested another at Royal Birkdale, "But the doctor basically said 'What's the point?, and rightly so," he

"I had practised on the range and I still thought I would give it a go. I was applauded on to the first tee and then I realised I couldn't do it. If I could have played one-handed. I would have done. It came as a shock the next day to be told that I could forget about playing for

t completed a disruptive two months in his career. In May, he withdrew from the Volvo PGA Championship following a severe attack of gastro-enteritis that caused him to lose 14lbs in 24 hours. "It was a tough time and. after the US Open episode. some rather vicious things were said about me. I was made out to be a nasty person. I wouldn't like to think that is the case. There simply are times when you don't feel like communicating. To some people, it might seem I'm rude at times, but I don't

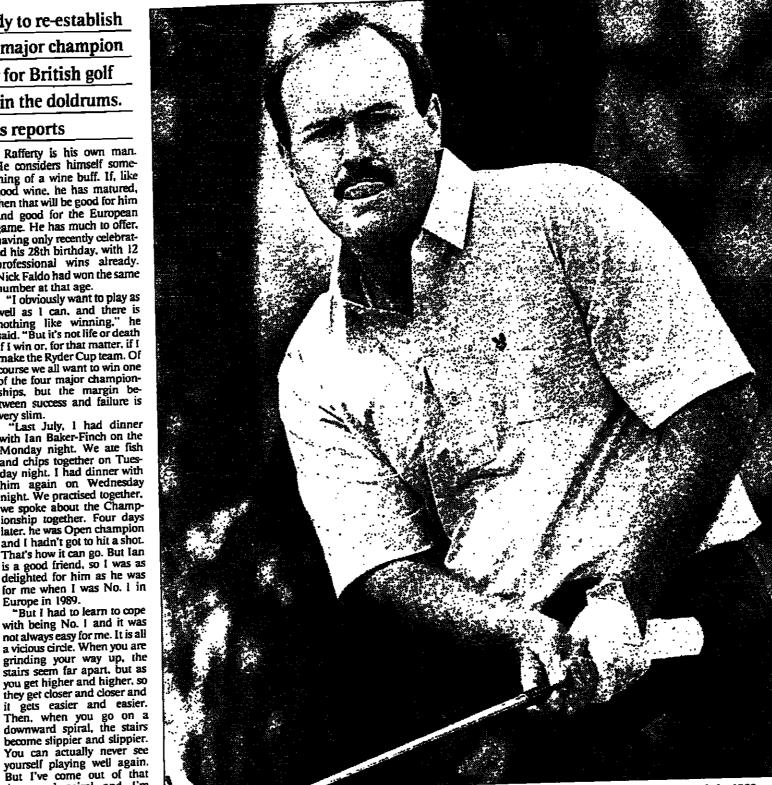
mean to be. "The truth is that I am very critical of my own style of play. If I'm not getting 100 per cent out of my game, but I am trying 100 per cent, then that is okay. It matters to me that, even if I do shoot a 75. I can walk off the course and

Rafferty is his own man. He considers himself something of a wine buff. If, like good wine, he has matured, then that will be good for him and good for the European game. He has much to offer. having only recently celebrated his 28th birthday, with 12 professional wins already. Nick Faldo had won the same

number at that age. "I obviously want to play as well as I can, and there is nothing like winning," he said. "But it's not life or death if I win or, for that matter, if I make the Ryder Cup team. Of course we all want to win one of the four major championships, but the margin between success and failure is

very slim. "Last July, 1 had dinner with Ian Baker-Finch on the Monday night. We are fish and chips together on Tuesday night. I had dinner with him again on Wednesday night. We practised together. we spoke about the Championship together. Four days later, he was Open champion and I hadn't got to hit a shot. That's how it can go. But Ian is a good friend, so I was as delighted for him as he was for me when I was No. 1 in Europe in 1989. "But I had to learn to cope

not always easy for me. It is all a vicious circle. When you are grinding your way up, the stairs seem far apart, but as you get higher and higher, so they get closer and closer and it gets easier and easier. Then, when you go on a downward spiral, the stairs become slippier and slippier. You can actually never see yourself playing well again. But I've come out of that downward spiral and I'm looking forward to the year



Eyes on the future: Rafferty plans to return to the upper reaches of the Volvo Order of Merit in 1992

Senior rugby union clubs recommend changes to move the championship towards a home-and-away format

Brewery injects cash at Richmond

RICHMOND, once one of England's elite but now languishing in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship, announced yesterday a three-year sponsorship which reflects the upbeat mood at the Athletic Ground (David Hands writes).

The agreement, worth £85,000, is with Castle Beer. a product of South African Breweries. Richmond, who plan to tour South Africa in August 1993, believe they are the first English side to receive sponsorship from the

republic. There is a long-standing playing connection between Richmond and South Africa. The club is affiliated with Villagers, the famous Cape Town club, and Durban Collegians, and believes the deal

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merely anticipates the re gration of South Africa into world rugby "A club such as our's seeks

a higher profile and to do that you need cash." Tony Hallett, the Richmond chairman, said. "We are delighted to have made this connection and we hope to see the South African national side at Twickenham in the early part of next season."

By that time, Richmond hope to have achieved promotion to the second division after what Hallett describes as a season of re-grouping. They stand alongside Fylde and Exeter at the top of the third division and the value of such a sponsorship will leave them in a position to enhance their facilities and become a more attractive option for players in the capital.

Kevin Boroevich, the former New Zealand prop who captains Richmond, is opti-THE * TIMES mistic about the prospect of promotion. Boroevich is with SPORTS SERVICE the club for two seasons, and may stay longer, and, having spent an initial period tight-SNOW REPORTS ening the nuts and bolts of Richmond's forward play, he sees the next league match. against Clifton on February 29, as the important hurdle. ☐ David Egenton, the former England No. 8, plays his first senior game of the season for Bath at Coventry on Saturday. Egerton has recovered from a shoulder injury and is joined in the side by Jonathan Callard, who is fit once more after damaging a knee dur-

ing the divisional champion-

THE Senior Clubs Assoc ation (SCA) executive committee has recommended the acceptance of ten-club national divisions in the Courage Clubs' Championship, as a preliminary to the home-andaway championship programme proposed for 1993-

> Their decision, taken last week, is particularly apposite now that bad weather has affected the cup and league programme. The SCA agreed initially that they should urge a home-and-away programme with 13-club divisions, which was always going to leave virtually no room for manoeuvre in the structured season of the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

> At their last meeting, the SCA committee considered arguments put forward by the RFU for ten, as opposed to

13, clubs. Broadly speaking. those arguments found favour - indeed several first-

favoured smaller divisions and a recommendation has now been circularised to member clubs, asking for replies by Tuesday, two days before the next meeting of the RFU competitions subcommittee.

There can be little doubt that last weekend's postponement of seven out of eight Pilkington Cup matches focused attention on how easily the season may be thrown out of gear by bad weather. There has been informal discussion in Wales, too, as to whether they are right to be preparing next season to increase the Heineken League from ten to 12-club divisions, and though no official proposal has been debated by the league management commit-

The most radical suggestion for the Courage champ-ionship has been for a first under which Colclough was division of eight clubs, but ten seems more likely to win general acceptance. That would leave sufficient weekends for international, divisional and cup rugby, as well as incoming tours — but only just.
The RFU competitions sub-

committee is also pondering an appeal by Abbey for reinstatement to the Berkshire Cup. whose quarter-finals are due on Sunday. Abbey were beaten 13-6 by Maidenhead in the last round, only for Maidenhead to be disqualified by Berkshire for having fielded an ineligible player, Charlie Colclough.

The debate arises because. according to the county's cup regulations. Colclough, an Australian who scored nine of his side's points in the cup tie, was eligible. However, since

Ten-club divisions suggested this was also a qualifying match for the Pilkington Cup, national knock-out comtwo weeks short of the appropriate eligibility period.

Maidenhead appealed to the RFU, which is entitled to exercise discretion in qualifying matches for the national competition, and John Jeavons-Fellows, chairman of the competitions sub-committee, said: "The county cup is a Pilkington qualifier, but it's first and foremost a county tournament and they weren't in breach of their own regulations.

We thought the decision to disqualify was over-harsh so they are back in." He rejected any comparison with the situation which arose in November when Bath had a league point deducted for fielding an ineligible player in a match against London

THE 27 constituent bodies

forming the ADT County. Championship are pressing the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to revive the competition which has declined in importance since the introduction of league, cup and divisional matches. Representatives from 22

Counties

plan for

a revival

counties met at the Barkers' Butts club, near Coventry, to formulate a confidential plan to be put to the RFU, and the prime movers in attempting to upgrade the competition included Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Middlesex and Warwickshire. Jim Bambrick, secretary of

Warwickshire and the newlyformed English Counties Association, said yesterday: "I do not want to divulge what was said at our meeting, but we discussed the county championship and many oth er aspects of the game.

The response was encouraging and we shall be writing to Dudley Wood. As secretary of the RFU, he should be the first to know of our conclusions. They have a meeting at Twickenham on Friday and we hope to have some input." Some county representatives believe that the present structure of the English game

has been dictated by leading clubs. But Bambrick contends: "The counties have much to offer. They provide the people who run the game from schools level upwards and make a tremendous contribution."

SQUASH RACKETS

Wizards cruise further ahead

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE Welsh Wizards cased a further point ahead in the Pimm's Premier League by fielding a full-strength team for the first return fixture of the season while others in the leadership race were calling up ageing reserves.

The Cardiff squad took maximum points at nome against Lynic Surbiton, with Chris Robertson, of Australia. leading Peter Marshall, the new British champion, Adrian Davies, the Welshano. ...

Vasari Cannons, the champions, were strengthened at first string by the return of Chris Dittmar but were forced to call up Neil Harvey, their 32-year-old team manager, at fourth string against Adidas Northern in Manchester. Harvey lost 9-7. Ryan, the Irish No. 1.

A similar fate befell Philip Kenyon, the former British champion, aged 35, on his string for L and P Lambs against North Walsham in Norfolk. Mark Allen, aged 20, took the only home point 9-6, 9-6, 5-9, 9-4.

The Wizards were not without their own problems. Robert Edwards, their team manager, gave the pre-match talk from a wheelchair after training with his notoriously enduring squad. "Now I know how the opposition feels," he said.

In Essex, newly promoted A and P Rackets moved into fifth place - three points ahead of North Walsham with another of the countback wins for which they are becoming renowned.

Robert Graham and Darren Webb recorded comprehensive victories over Ja-son Nicolle and John Ransome - both quarter-finalists in the national championships this month - to ensure a 2-2 draw with a fullstrength Mosaic Priory.

CYCLING

return to Milk Race

By Peter Bryan

SOUTH African riders return to Britain this year for the first time since 1960 as one of the 18 national teams competing in the 1,150-mile Milk Race. Their entry of a six-man amateur team was confirmed yesterday.

Ian Emmerson, president of the British Cycling Federation, who spent three weeks in South Africa last autumn, described the country's racing as "vibrant" after seeing their riders compete against British, German and Italian squads in the Rapport Tour. Algeria is also among the

11 to have accepted and will be the first Arab nation to compete in the race, which starts from Land's End on May 24 and finishes in Lincoln on June 6. Algeria won the road race and team timetrial events in the all-African Games last year.

Olympic year has encouraged a quality entry although four places are being kept for professional teams. The final line-up will also include Australia and New Zealand. There will be two Britain

teams, which include four riders based in France -Simeon Hempsall, Ian Gilkes, Matthew Stephens and David Cook.

Tricky decision for All Black centre New Zealand has made it

RUGBY may lose the services of their New Zealand centre, Walter Little, aged 22, after he has played only one senior match for them. Little, the North Harbour centre, may be forced to return home early next month because of the pre-season training requirements of the new All Black

coaching regime. Little, who joined Rugby immediately after the World Cup, had planned to stay until near the end of March and play in four league

games. Now, unless he can gain special dispensation, he will have to leave after the home match against Bath on Saturday week.

tee, it appears that the argu-

ments (mainly financial) for

The club captain. Steve Brain, said that the club had invested much time and effort in recruiting the player and were trying to persuade him to keep to his original plans.
"We are talking earnestly to

Walter about this and hope to hear something positive quite soon," Brain said. "We obviously hope he can delay his return. But the

change of coaching regime in

Rugby concede that they have been angered and frustrated that one of the world's.

outstanding centres has been kicking his heels since the start of November under the 12-week qualification rule. "We regard it as quite out

of order that the World Cup players who stayed on were not able to qualify until after the World Cup. They were in the country before the end of September yet we were told that kind of residence did not



Little: under pressure

Time to review all aspects of the funding of sport

THE parliamentary debate on a national lottery provided a welcome opportunity to MPs to discuss the financing of sport. Unfortunately, Call 0898 500 123 such discussion has tended to focus solely on the lottery Call 0898 100 123 itself and has not widened to encompass the whole structure of sports funding. It is time that changed.

ship in October.

For while the possibility of a lottery, in its right form and context is a measure which could do great things to aid British sport, it is vital that if it is introduced, it fits in with existing aspects of funding and employment within the industries which

it is designed to help. Sport has suffered since

BY TOM PENDRY Chairman of the Par liamentary Labour Party sports committee

1979 because isolated, and often contradictory, measures have been applied like sticking plaster over the financial wounds inflicted on it through government neglect. That is why, in its Charter for Sport. Labour has promised to set up a major review of all aspects of sports finance — of which the possibility of a lottery will form a crucial part — to sort out the mess in which sports funding is now to be The inability of the sports

minister. Robert Atkins, to secure the resources to make his proposals credible has created chaos. For example, in a recent parlia-mentary answer. Atkins admitted that in proposing to establish a new United Kingdom Sports Commission and English Sports Council — each with separate offices and staff - he has failed to secure a single penny extra to fund them. Nor had he any idea of the size or location of offices that would be required. Thus the shambles continues.

not lie solely with the minister. I have in the past also criticised the football pools companies, which might be affected by a lottery, for the way in which they have operated to stifle debate on funding for sport. In particular, the Football Trust, which has achieved many good things in football, has I

believe sometimes failed to

act in as flexible a fashion as

is needed to meet the chang-

ing needs of the modern For example, the Trust opposed my proposal for a Football Levy Board, even though it was one of the main proposals of Lord

Nevertheless, I still believe that some form of levy, combined with the Trust to make it a more accountable and effective catalyst for the development of football, can be achieved, given some forward thinking on behalf of the trust.

I was especially critical of the way in which, nine days prior to the last Budget, a deal was cobbled together by the largest pools company and the Treasury to stave off a national lottery and instead establish the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, whereby money generated by football is

Of course, the fault does Rothschild's Royal Commis- being given to other sports of lie solely with the minis- sion on Gambling in 1977. and the arts. And this at a and the arts. And this at a time when football is crying out for funds to help implement the Taylor Report.

I can recognise that the pools companies may have fears for the jobs they provide, but these are matters which can be addressed as part of a complete overhaul of sports funding.

In the meantime, I still maintain that the Foundation will fail to get to the root of the crisis facing sport. But even given these reserva-tions, I believe that the Foundation should form part of the major review of sports finance which Labour has promised.

Following the review, there should be a government green paper with ap-propriate opportunity given for the whole of British sport to comment on its proposals. This should be followed by a comprehensive government white paper, setting out an effective strategy and framework for setting sport, once and for all, on a firm financial footing

By all means consider a national lottery, but let us recognise also the wider structure for funding sport. Sport has suffered for far too long to afford further mishaps. If we are to go down the road of a lottery, then we had better get it right.

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Martini Executive can supplement Lingfield victory

MARTINI Executive. backed to 7-1 from 20-1 before winning by five lengths at Lingfield last Saturday, makes a quick reappearance at Southwell today when he carries a 71b penalty in the Mansfield Handicap.

The gamble on Saturday was similar to the one which also succeeded when he made his racecourse debut at Southwell in 1990. On that occasion he was backed to 5-1 from 20-1 before winning a seller by seven lengths. Later that season Martini Executive put up a superior performance when he beat the useful Doublova to win a nuisery at Ripon.

Apart from finishing third once last year, Martini Execunive had been disappointing until last Saturday. Explain-ing the return to form, Hambleton trainer William Pearce said that Martini Executive had lost his way because he was repeatedly breaking blood vessels. Pearce found the cure while browsing through an American bloodstock magazine.

It is Haemaguard, a vitamin and herbal medication which has been used with success in New York state which, unusually in American racing, is medication free. Martini Executive had been working so much better at home since he had been on Haemaguard, which does not show up in drug tests, that his connections decided to have a

bloodstock industry is likely to develop into a party political

issue in the approach to the

Democrats have been asked

this week define their policy

and views on the 17.5 per

cent tax rate which threatens

breeders' commerical future.

Although Ireland and

France will have VAT rates of

tively when the single market -

comes into force next year,

the British government is pre-

venting iomestic breeders

competing on level terms by

resisting demands to cut the

Sir Adam Burler, chairman

of the horse and pony tax-

ation committee and a former

Tory minister, has sent a

questionnaire to Dr John

Marek, Labour front bench

taxation spokesman, and

Alan Beith, the Liberal Dem-

ocrats' Treasury spokesman.

Hartington, senior steward of

the Jockey Club, is sympa-

thetic to the problems of Brit-

ish breeders and intends to

discuss the problem with

John Smith, the shadow

Marek, briefed by Lord

17.5 per cent level of tax.

2.3 and 5.5 per cent respec-

Labour and the Liberal

general election.



MICHAEL PHILLIPS

tilt at the betting ring, with spectacular results. While they will have to make do with more cramped odds this time, they should still collect again because an additional 7lb looks reasonable in my view judged on the way in which he beat the inform El Volador at Lingfield.

Palacegate King and Pop To Stans, who were involved in a stirring finish here 12 days ago, meet again in the Staythorpe Claiming Stakes. On that occasion Pop To Stans was beaten a neck, but on 21b better terms he can give trainer David Barron and jockey Alex Greaves a



Pearce: brought Martini

with the government's ani-

tude and lack of realistic mea-

sures. Mrs Gillian Shepherd,

a junior Treasury minister,

has offered an agricultural

flat rate scheme, but few in-

dustry experts are confident it

will work by itself.

what level?

Question of VAT

is election issue

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE VAT threat to Britain's growing sense of frustration

MANDARIN

1.20 Copper Mine. 1.50 Banker's Gossip.

3.50 Dan Marino. 4.20 Kibreet.

2.20 Bighayir. 2.50 Clever Shepherd. 3.20 HALKOPOUS (nap).

(£1,235: 2m 30yd) (21 runners)

Hand On Heart, a lightlyraced filly from the Newmarket stable of William Haggas, can repeat her victory over the course and distance 12 days ago by landing the Averham Handicap.

On the National Hunt front at Windsor, Halkopous is napped to win the Burnham Novices' Hurdle. On the Flat this Mark Tompkinstrained six-year-old was gifted enough to win the Magnet Cup at York last summer and the BBC Trainer Handicap at Newbury by five lengths from the smart Song Of

When he won his first race COPPER MINE, unchallenged, best Honey Boy Simba 20 in a 13-runner nowce hundle at Wolverhampton (2m, good). FEARLESS FRED 844 4th of 13 to Mulbank in a novice hundle at Taunton (2m 110yd, good to firm). ICE GOLD 38 9th of 18 to Triple Witching in a novice hundle at Towcester (2m, good to soft), with CROGHAN ROSE tailed off when pulled up 2 out. INTERPRETATION S 2nd of 15 to Chaloid Copse in a novice hundle at Plumpton (2m, good). Previously, 81 3nd of 12 to Sendal in a novice hundle still hundle sit Hundle good (2m 100yd, good to firm), with FAVOURED VICTOR's distant 7th, J9Mover hurdles at Wolverhampton earlier this month, Hal-kopous recorded a time five seconds faster than that of Jenny Pitman's Obie's Train in winning another division.

While times of races may not mean as much jumping as they do on the Flat, it is not surprising that Mrs Pitman decided against taking on Halkopous here with Obie's Train.

Copper Mine, another recent easy winner on that same Midlands track, is taken to win the Brocas National Hunt Novices' Hurdle, while there is a clear form line through Keep Talking that suggests that Banker's Gossip can beat Country Member in the Oakside Novices

Hill runs in Ireland

By MICHAEL SEELY

essy Cognac Gold Cup at February 16.

Sir Adam has asked opposition spokesmen if they would maintain the 17.5 per cent Pipe-trained 10-year-old VAT rate on horses and posaid yesterday: "My partners and I are delighted that the nies? Reduce it to ensure fair competition and, if so, to horse is going back to Ire-land. The timing of the race. what level? Seek to harmonise rates throughout the Comjust under a month before munity? If so, how, and at Cheltenham, is perfect. The only proviso is that he won't

The European Commissrun if the ground is firm."

Green has recently bought ion had accepted Ireland's a four-year-old full-brother to low rate as legal and was Carvill's Hill called Archer for 1r£65,000. "I bought him expected to approve France's tax level. Sir Adam said: "We understand it would also be permissible for the United Kingdom to have a similar 'agricultural' level of VAT, to include the breeding, rearing and care of horses, of not less

than 5 per cent. However, this runs contrary to Treasury policy of only two rates." He added: "Fair competition is a fundamental of the single market, all governments support the principle.

> to send the reigning cham-pion to Ireland in preference to Sandown's Agfa Hurdle on Balding said: There are several reasons for wanting to go to Ireland. The ground is likely to be better, the track's left-handed, they all meet at

no better than 50-50, inspect at noon today. There is also an inspection at 3pm today for Kelso's fixture on Friday. After several severe frosts there is little

Carvill's

CARVILL'S Hill, the 2-1 favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, will have his final race before the National Hunt Festival in the Henn-Leopardstown on Sunday,

Paul Green, the majority shareholder in the Martin

BIGHAYIR best Knight in Side 1½ in a novoce handicap hurdle at Devon (2m 1f, good to firm), with STAUNCH RIVAL (1lb better off) 21 3rd and BOLD IMP a distant 8th. SUPER RITCHART was a distant 8th of 8 to Beabob in a novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m, good to soft). Previously, best Luka's Brave Boy 2 in a 17-runner novice hurdle at Lolosster (2m, good). POACHER'S DELIGHTI best CHEEKY FOX (Stobetter off) 6 in a 14-runner novoce hardle phardle at Taunton (3m, good), with BRIN THE BOMBER tailed-off 11th. CAINSBRIDGE QUEEN 14½ 4th of 18 to Jedich in a novice hurdle at Wincinton (2m 6t, from Jim Dreaper, who plans to run him in a bumper at a novice hurdle in the spring. After that he will be sent to Martin Pipe because there are more opportunities in England," he said.

TRAINERS

MANDARIN

1.40 Ever So Lonely.

2.40 Pop To Stans. 3.10 Hand On Heart.

GOING: STANDARD

3.40 Martini Executive.

2.10 Sharp Top.

Morley Street has been installed favourite at 5-4 on by P J Hennessy for the Paschal Butler Champion Hurdie at Leopardstown on Saturday. The Dublin book-makers then go 3-1 Des-triero, 8-1 Ruling and 12-1

Confirming his intention he same afternoon, Toby level weights and it's worth four times as much money." With Jimmy Frost required

for Morley Street, Balding has booked Richard Guest for the disappointing Forest Sun in the Agfa Hurdle. "He's got to run there as he gets up to 151b from the other good horses."

Yet it looks as if the UK chancellor, before outlining Labour's stance industry may be denied it. The party political ap-Without fair competition the breeding industry in this proach adopted by the bloodcountry will be crippled." stock industry reflects the Frost tightens its grip

FROST continues to take its Towcester is frozen in parts toll on racing. The meeting scheduled for Nottingham today was called off yesterday for today. Edinburgh, where because the track was frozen, the chance of racing is rated although hopes are high at Windsor that racing will take

place this afternoon. However, the prospects for tomorrow's two turf meetings at Towcester and Edinburgh are gloomy. The course at hope of a thaw:

a winning nap for Mandarin and Richard Evans.

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[] Thunderer was in fine form at Lingfield Park yesterday, selecting five of the six winners. Storm Orphan was a winning nap for Mandarin

and with further frost forecast

a 12.30 inspection is planned

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2.40 (2m 41 holie) 1, CAZAUDEHORE (1 Lawrence, 11-8. larv); 2, Temporate (R Supple, 4-1); 3, Leading Role (D Gallegher, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 3 Sing The Blues (D, 8 Vision Cl Wonder (4th), 5 ran. 12; 101, 15; M Robinson at Wantage. Tota: 22.50; E1.30, 22.20. DF: 24.40. CSF: 25.86.

Going: standard

1.40 (2m hole) 1, ABSENT RELATIVE (A Maguire, 2-5 fav); 2, Lina Drunsmar (G McCourt, 10-1); 3. Caspian: Besuga (G Knight, 8-1); ALSO RAN-12 Glazersta, 16 Pendora's Priza, 20 Micheels Dewn, 25 Cosmic Force (6th), 33 Jacriwsh (5th), 50 Trescle Mine, 68 Royal Subrama, High Kuhour (4th), Joyce's Pet, Stur Topaze, Robins Return, 14 ran, 35, 20, 8, 8, 4, Aless B Sanders at Epson, Tota: £1.30; 51, 10, 5280, £1.30. DF; £5.60. CSF: 55, 15. 25.85
3.10 (2m holis) 1, STORM ORPHAN (A Maguine, 11-10 fev; Mandarin & Richard Evan's bap); 2, Yunval (P McEntee, 6-1); 3, Shelid's Pet (S Donohou, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 Gine-Diane (cu), 6 Primatice (Sh), 10 Cone Lane (4th), 33 Spring Porward, Luthior (Sh), 50 Flongwheel, 9 ran. 51, 71, 194, 51, 51, Mass & Senders at Epsom. Tota: 92.50, 21.50, 22.00, 21.90, DF: 25.90, CSF: 25.95, Tricast £139.84. 2.10 (2m 4! hole) 1, CHARLE'S DAR-LING (S Keightley, 3-! jt-fav); 2, Smart Endeavor (R Durwoody, 3-1 jt-fav); 3,



DF: 25.50. CSF: 28.90. (Incast E139.84.
3.40 (2m 61 hde) 1, CRASBY BILL (Onle McKepsen, 11-4): 2, Abertoyle (A Maguire, 13-2): 3. Odstone Pear (H Davies, 5-4 sev), ALSO RAN: 11-2 The HB (Sth), 15-2 Hely Mac (Sth), 25 Kilos (4th), 33 Tutoli (Sth), 7 ran. NR: Ardris 8, 5-4 (5, 16, 2, 3, 14), 149 B Sanders at Epsent. Total 24.20; 140, 22.30. DF: 24.70. CSF: 119.55. 4.10 (2m hole) 1, ANTICO NATIVO (A Dicken, 3-1): 2, Eastern Magic (Dale Ladbrokes © RACING SERVICE 0891 222 + LIVE

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McKsown, 5-1); 3, Devicetty, B Powell, 6
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Bursena, 14 Roobie Burne, 16 With Gusto
(4th), 33 Katzari (5th), Aglq (6th), Salar's
Spirit, 65 Wolfgang, 11 ran. NF: French
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Epsont. Tote: 35.00; 1:60, 52.00, 62.50.
DF: 28.70, CSF-519.54, Triceas: 283.39.

Jockeys urge whip review

MICHAEL Caulfield, the secretary of the Jockeys' Association, has written to the Jockey Club urging a review of its decision to increase penalties to riders found guilty of whip misuse. Under the new instructions, which come into effect from the end of next month,

stewards will double the length of whip bans from the present two to four days to between four and seven days. "Jockeys are unhappy with the prospect a four-day ban for perhaps only a small riding error," Caulfield said. Gina-Diane, attempting a five-timer at Lingfield Park in the Asquith Conditional Jock-

eys' Handicap Hurdle yester-

day, broke her near-fore knee

and had to be destroyed.

1.40 FISKERTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,265: 5f) (10 runners) BETTING: 5-2 Palacegate Racing, 100-30 Creche, 9-2 Ever So Lonely, 6-1 II's Only Money, 8-1 Grubby, 10-1 Swale Side, 12-1 others.
1991: ON THE EDGE 9-2 Alex Greaves (7-4) T Barron 9 rain 2.10 OLLERTON HANDICAP (£2,382: 1m 4f) (17 runners)

2. TO OLLERTON HANDICAP (£2,382: 1m 4f) (17 runners)

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BETTING: 4-1 Le Temersire, 9:2 Hand Pasnied, 5-1 Bedown Prince, Sharp Top, 8-1 Give Me Hope, Searching Star, 10-1 Erevnon, Fusion, 12-1 others.
1991: CRIBELLA 4-9-7 S Perka (20-1) P Calver 11 ran

2.40 STAYTHORPE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: \$2,088: 71) (5 runners)

BETTING: 13-8 Pop To Stare, 5-2 Palacegate King, 4-1 Calito, 5-1 Life's A Breaze, 10-1 Forza Azzurti. 1991: PESIDANAMICH 9-4 Alex Graswes (8-11 fav) T Barron 9 ran

2.50 BOVENEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,656: 3m) (8 runners) 1 FB-5144 TEAM CHALLENGE 34 (B.D.F.G.S) (Mre E Hitchens) Mrs J Pitman 10-12-0 M Pitmen 2 F4-4541 SKNNWRLL 12 (B.D.F.G.S) 7 Thornson Jones 8-11-10 M Pitman 10-12-0 M Pitmen 2 F4-4541 SKNNWRLL 12 (B.D.F.G.S) 7 Thornson Jones 8-11-10 M A Fitzgerald (5) 3 120112 CLEVER SHEPHERD 44 (D.F.G.) (M Lockyer) P Hobbs 7-10-6 Peast Hobbs 4 0-0-10-0 SPLITHEOFFFSENCE 16 (CD.F.) (V Backyer) Mrs A Backyer 8-10-6 M Dunwoody 5 0516-F8 BOLISHOV 8007 23 (F.G.) (P Peasteren Lod) D Nicholson 8-10-4 M Dunwoody F401-1 BONANZA REBEL 270 (V.F.) (S Dunster) C Berwell 10-10-0 P Fitcherds 7 PP/PP46 UPSTANDING 44 (F) (MSs I. Dakis) N Davis 10-10-0 P Fitcherds 8 4541PP SOLENT LAD 259 (C.F.G.S) (B Stevens) 8 Stevens 9-10-0 M Stevens (7) constructions Report 8 A Services Report 1 A Services (7) Long handicap: Bonanza Rebel 9-3, Upstanding 9-2, Solent Lad 9-0.
BETTING: 5-2 Clever Shephard, 11-4 Team Challenge, 7-2 Stannhill. 9-2 Bolshoi Boy, 8-1 Bonanza Rebel, 12-1 Spatthedifference, 20-1 others

1991: RONANS BIRTHDAY 9-9-11 C Maude (6-4 fev) P Hobbs 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

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WINDSOR

RICHARD EVANS

1.20 Copper Mine. 2.50 CLEVER

MY THE GILLIE 23/9/14th of 9 to Dextra Dove in a novice hurdle Warwick (2m, good to firm), with BUSTING AROUND tailed-off 8th NOBLE INSIGHT 15/3rd of 11 to Hangover in a novice hurdle Wolverhampton (2m, good). IRISH ORCHID, half-slater to Desert Orchid, 23/9/6 fith of 15 to Snitton Lane in a novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft), with BUSTLING AROUND 8th and CROGHAN ROSE and 11th MANENDA's best effort was when 5/2nd of 16 to Bas De Laine in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 100/dt, good).

Selection: COPPER MINE

THUNDERER

3.50 Dan Marino 4.20 Kibreet

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 DAN MARINO.

1.20 Brocas National Hunt Novices Hurdle

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN STRAIGHT ON CHASE COURSE)

1.20 Copper Mine.
1.50 Country Member.
2.20 West Monkton.
2.50 Team Challenge.
3.20 Halkopous.

BETTING: 4-5 Copper Mine, 7-2 Interpretation, 6-1 Noble Insight, 10-1 Menends, 12-1 ice Gold, 14-1 others.
1991; THE ANTIPODEAN 7-11-0 P Holley (6-1) D Elsworth 14 ren

FORM FOCUS

BETTING: 11-8 Banker's Gossip, 3-1 Country Member. 4-1 Sunset Again, 6-1 Catchapenny, 12-1 others.

1991: THE MILROY 8-11-11 J Osborne (6-4 lav) O Sherwood 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BANKER'S GOSSIP 7/ 2nd of 3 to Keep Talking in a novice chase at Kempton (3m, good to firm). Previously, best Otterburn House 2 in a 5-number novice chase at Huntingdon (3m, good to firm). COUNTRY HUMBER 122 2nd of 8 to Keep Talking in a novice chase at Newbury (2m 44, good). Previously, easily best Bel Course 27st in a 10-runner novice chase at Wordester (2m 44, good). CATCHAPENRY 31st 2nd of 8 to Taco in a novice chase at Leicester (3m, Selection: COUNTRY MEMBER

2.20 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,637: 2m 6f) (22 runners)

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1 2241 BIGHAYIR 28 (B,F) (A Lores) M Pipe 5-11-12.

2 (2053)3- BERYL'S JOKE 447 (B) (MR E Boswood) J Beker 8-11-6. W McFarland

3 1016 SUPER RITCHART 8 (G) (R Edwards & 8 Williams) B Palling 4-11-5. C Evants

4 2(8-033F RIVERTINO 23 (R Cheetham) P Mitchell 8-11-2. D Murphy

5 P2-341 POACHER'S DELIGHT 55 (G) (Mrs. L Bertram) Mrs. 5 Williams 6-11-1 D Richmond (7)

6 802104 CAINSBRIDGE QUEEN 20 (D,F,S) (A Kerr) Mrs. G Williams 6-11-1 D Richmond (7)

7 3P-0012 CHEEKY FOX 55 (V/3) (J Westley) J Bosley 6-10-13. M Bosley

8 251P22 STAUINCH RIVAL 14 (G) (C Humphry) G Thomer 5-10-12. D Bridgwater (3)

141562 REVE EN ROSE 13 (F,G) (M McAillan) M McAillan 6-10-12. D Bridgwater (3)

141562 REVE EN ROSE 13 (F,G) (M McAillan) M McAillan 6-10-12. D Bridgwater (3)

150-4000 BOLD IMP 20 (B) (J Heritage) A Berrow 7-10-4. W Irvine

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160-0006 WISEBOW 8 (Wisebow List) C Weedon 7-10-0. B Powel

17 (S05-P0 BEN THE BOMBER 55 (D Davies) J Edwards 7-10-0. J Pylin (7)

18 3190 TOP IT ALL SF (6) (M Ryan) M Ryan 4-10-0. J Ryan (3)

19 BP242P SUNDAY JBM 75 (BF) (H Webb) H Webb B-10-0. S McNeit'

20 000-600 LORDY 15 (Mrs. L Dresher) J McConnochie 9-10. T Eley (7)

20 007-600 LORDY 15 (Mrs. L Dresher) J McConnochie 7-10-0. S McNeit'

21 605(PP REAL RETURN 16 (Mrs. E Stensher) D Show 7-10-0. T Eley (7)

22 007-600 LORDY 15 (Mrs. L Dresher) J McConnochie 7-10-0. B Dowling Lorg Mandicap: Uphan View 9-13, Wisebow 9-11, Ben The Bomber 9-10, Top it All 9-8, Sunday Jim S

Long handicap: Upham View 9-13, Wisebow 9-11, Ben The Bomber 9-10, Top it Ali 9-8, Sunday Jim 9-4, Castle Orchard 9-3, Resi Return 9-2, Lordy 9-1.

BETTING: 4-1 Bighayir, 6-1 Poscher's Delght, 7-1 Staunch Rival, 15-2 Reve En Rose, 8-1 Bellystate, West Monkton, 9-1 Cheeky Fox. 10-1 Top It Ali, 12-1 Rivertino, Super Ritchart, 14-1 others.

1991: BILLY STRAYHORN 7-10-9 M Perrett (3-1 tav) S Mellor 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

1.40 Palacegate Racing.

2.10 Lord Advocate.

2.40 Palacegate King. 3.10 Hand On Heart.

4.10 VUCHTER-

BACHER (pap).

3.40 Martini Executive.

29.0 27.6 23.8 23.1 21.9 20.0

THUNDERER

JOCKEYS

good to soft), with UPHAM VIEW (8th better off) 155 5th and BOLD like telectoff 8th. REVE EN ROSE 11 2nd of 14 to Knight in Side in a novice hundle at Taunton (2m 110/q, good to firm), BALLYSTATE 31/4 2nd of 15 to Fight To Win ina novice hundle at Devon (2m 16, good to firm). Previouely, 148 3nd of 15 to Duke Of Moramouth in a novice hundle at Harsford (2m, good to soft). TOP IT ALL beat Alton Bey 11/4 in a 10-runner novice hundle at Fakenham (2m, good). SUNDAY 31M 21/4 2nd of 10 to Keep Out Of Debt in a novice hundle at Wincanton (2m 61, good to firm).

firm). Selection: POACHER'S DELIGHT

1.50 OAKSIDE NOVICES CHASE (£2,136; 3m) (15 runners)

TEAM CHALLENGE 14½! 4th of 10 to Thed in Line in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 11, good to firm). Earlier, best Tom Bir 8i in a 7-runner handicap chase at Sandown (3m 118yd, good). SPLITTHEDIFFERINCE 5I 2nd of 4 to Brave Declare at Warwiok (3m 17, good to firm) SKINNHILL best Height Of Fun 2 in a 3-runner conditional jockery's handicap chase at Kengton (3m, good to firm) BONANZA REBEL best Smithy Best hand in a 17-runner handicap chase at Hereford (3m CLEVER SHEPHERD 2 2nd of 11 to Erms Express in a handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2) 100yd.

3.20 BURNHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 2m 30yd) (22 runners) QUENCHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 2m 30yd) (22 runners)

01 HALKOPOUS 23 (D,G) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 6-11-12 P Scudamore (EVERY ONE A GEBH 189F (J Dentish) M Dison 5-11-5 T Grantham (NDIAN CHIEF 449F (L Bowman) L Bowman 5-11-5 T Grantham (NDIAN CHIEF 449F (L Bowman) L Bowman 5-11-5 P T Grantham (NDIAN CHIEF 449F (L Bowman) L Bowman 5-11-5 P T Gendron (NOCATION 12 (R Kierram) A Moore 5-11-5 P T Gendron (NOCATION 12 (R Kierram) A Moore 5-11-5 P T Gendron (NOCATION 12 (R Kierram) A Moore 5-11-5 P T Gendron (NOCATION 12 (R Kierram) A Moore 5-11-5 P T Gendron (NOCATION 12 (R Kierram) D Eleventh 7-11-5 P T Gendron (NOCATION 12 (R Kierram) D Eleventh 7-11-5 P T Gendron (NOCATION 12 (R Kierram) D Eleventh 7-11-5 P T Gendron (NOCATION 12 (R Kierram) D Gendron (NOCATION 13 (R G G Moore) D Gendron (NOCATION 13 (R G Moore) D Gendron (NOCATION 14 (A)) D GENDR

BETTING: 1-3 Halkopous, 6-1 Race To Time, 8-1 My Lamb, 10-1 Ratify, 12-1 Lucky Nove, 16-1 Pusey Street Boy, 20-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

HALKOPOUS beat Crazy Horse Dancer 15 in a 13runner novice hardle at Wolverhampton (2m, good).

MY LAMB 91 4th of 11 to Spenning in a novice hardle
at Kempton (2m, good to firm), with BREAKERS AHEAD
pulled up NORTHERN CONQUEROR 33 8th of 17
at Kempton (2m, good to irm), with INVOCATION
438 8th. WEAPON EXCHIBITION 19/9/14 sh of 16 to
Dancing Peddy in a novice hardle at Startford
(2m, good) on penultimate start BENGAL TIGER

15 lel 8th of 9 to Hashar in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to firm), with BREAKERS AHEAD
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3.50 HOLYPORT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE

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1	311/P2P	DUKE'S WHISTLE 20 (F,G) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 9-11-12 R Bellamy	88
			84
3	3P1631	MISS FERN 9 (F,G) A Dickim 7-10-13 (7ex) D Meredith	92
			97
			94
			92
7		DAN MARINO 41 (G.S) (Mrs N McGreevy) M Pros 10-10-10	99
В			88
			96
10	440636		82
11	3/0-43B		85
			91
13	6P//PP6		_
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			_
			78
		p: Glabe Prince 9-11, Majestic Bruno 9-11, Mutand 9-9, Matress Ross 9-9, Kilcoursey 9	
Coh	blers Cook	m CO Ar rumana Liurea s. II, medester estant s. II, militario s.s. Mestress 1,022 s.s. Vicoliseà s	3
		m 4 s.	

BETTING: \$1 Dan Marino, 5:1 Miss Fern, 11:2 Duke's Whietle, 7-1 Rare Bid, 8-1 Avonburn, 10-1 Cettic Harriet, 581 And Coup, 12-1 Mejestic Bruno, 16-1 others. 1991: TRAVAIL GIRL 10-10-2 R Bellamy (13-2) G Ham 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DURE'S WHISTLE 11 2nd of 9 to Wermer's End in a handicap chase at Leicester (3m, good to firm) on penutitimate start. RARE BID 48 4th of 8 to Fence Judge in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 11, good to soft), with DURE'S WHISTLE pulled up. MISS FERN beat General Merchant 15 in a 4-nuher conditional pockeys' handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f, good). Earlier, beat CELTIC HAMLET (2b better off) 8 areck in a 10-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, soft) on penutitimate start. BILL AND COUP tailed off. AVOIBURN beat Popeswood 2 in a 6-runner handicap chase without population of the soft of the population of the property of the soft of the population of the po

4.20 COPPER HORSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,674: 2m 30yd) (14 runners)

Long handicap: Alcsafi 9-12, Star Of The Glen 9-10, Tyburn Lad 9-9, Final Sound 9-8, San Francisco Joe 9-1. BETTING: 11-4 Kibroet, 9-2 Green's Fine Art, 11-2 Love Answ, 6-1 Final Sound, 8-1 Rastannors, L'Uomo Pau, 10-1 Tyburn Lad, 12-1 others

1991: DRAMATIC EVENT 698 J Twomey (4-1) J Moore 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOVE ANEW 9½1 4th of 5 to Torn Clapton in a handicap hurdle at Warwick in May (2m., good to firm). GREEN'S FINE ART 5¼1 3rd of 8 to Shedes Of Peace in handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, sort) on penditimate start. L'UOMO PIU beat Imperial Flight 3½ in an 8-runner handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good). TYBURN LAD beat Campsea-KBREET 14¼1 4th of 11 to Viking Fisignity in a handicap hurdle at Teunton (2m 110yd, good to soft) an area and distinct of the control of th

Cl Arazi, the Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner, has been rated at 130lb in the Experimental Free Handicap, the American equivalent of the European International Classifications. The

mark is 11b higher than that awarded to Secretariat at the same age. "I am surprised and gratified," said Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jockey Club handicapper.

J.	IU	AVER	HAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,049: 1m) (5 runners)	
1	(2)	04311-4	QUIET MISS 19 (BF) (G Gee) D Elsworth 9-7 , J Wifterns #1	99
2	(3)	21	HAND ON HEART 12 (CD) (Mrs M Hagges) W Hagges 9-1	93
3	{4}	60015-2	FERDIA 14 (C) (N Sweeney) R Hollinghead B-12 W Ryan	97
4	(1)	01520-5	KICK ON MAJESTIC 12 (F) (J White) N Sycroft 7-13 S Wood	97
5	(5)	45000-4	LADY OF LETTERS 14 (T Chick) T Thomson Jones 7-7 N Adams	96
ong	hand	cap: Lad	y Of Letters 7-4	
ÆΠ	ING: 1	7-4 Quiet	Miss, 2-1 Hand On Heart, 3-1 Ferdia, 6-1 Kick On Majestic, 10-1 Lady Of Letters	
			1991; STATAJACK 8-8 J Hunter (7-4) D Elsworth 4 ran	

3.40 MANSFIELD HANDICAP (£2,226: 1m) (9 runners)

(6) 000-110 DOULAB'S IMAGE 5 (B.CD.BF) (Claremoni Lidi) Glover 5-9-10 S D Williams (7) 93 (9) 0000-1 MARTINI EXECUTIVE 4 (B.CD.F) (R.Jelley) W Pearce 4-9-6 (7ex) D Nicholis e 99 (7) 000-034 DAWN SUCCESS 5 (F.G.S) (Mrs J Chapman) D Chapman 8-8-11 ... S Wood 93 (8) 0030-60 EVENING STAR 14 (V.CD.S) (Mrs C Bietsoe) A Hide 6-8-3 ... K Putter (7) 98 (3) 3304/02- MASTER OFFINE HOUSE 12J (Tupgil Park Cub) M Hammond 6-7-13 ... J Fenning (3) 82 (2) 302000/ SHARP TO OBLIGE SJ (V.BF) (P. Heley) R Whiteler 5-7-9 ... B Doyle (5) (4) 05002-0 BALLERINA BAY 25 (V.BF,G) (Mrs C Whiteler 5-7-8 ... D Harrison (7) 85 (1) 10004-0 MODEL, NIRSE 4 (CD) (Mrs V Guy) Mrs A Knight 5-7-8 ... D Harrison (7) 88 (1) 10004-0 MODEL, NIRSE 4 (CD) (Mrs V Guy) Mrs A Knight 5-7-8 ... D Harrison (7) 88 (1) 6005-03 EAST BAPINS 19 (B,D,F) (Mrs M Beggott) T Bar Long handicap: East Berns 7-4

BETTING: 11-4 Marina Executive, 3-1 Doutab's knage, 4-1 Ballanna Bay, 6-1 Model Nurse, 8-1 others.
1981: SHANNON EXPRESS 4-9-4 A Bates (5-4 lav) P Kelleway 6 ran

4.10 MORTON HANDICAP (£2,128: 7f) (10 runners)

1991: CROSBY 5-9-11 C Rutter (3-1 tav) P Kelleway 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS Alex Greeves T Wilson Essma O'Gomtan N Day D Nicholls J Carroll

Agents welcome PA jockeys plan

THE agents who book rides for Britain's top Flat jockeys yesterday welcomed the Press Association's decision to continue in its role as collector of riding arrangements.

The Press Association (PA) was strongly criticised by the Jockey Club after announcing its intention to retain its jockeys service despite the planned introduction of the official overnight declaration scheme in July. But the agents made it clear that if

the PA's service was still operating they would effectively disregard the Jockey Club's OJOCS scheme. A spokesman for the group said: "The top dozen of us are all agreed that we will continue to use the current system. It gives us the information we "It is unlikely that we would be in

touch with the proposed new Jockeys' Association agency which is supposed to be handling bookings."

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England have Lawrence fit but there is a doubt over Lewis

Seam bowlers expected to dominate second Test

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT AUCKLAND

THE unbeaten home record that New Zealand have jealously guarded since 1979 is now the trigger for desperate measures. They will enter the second Test match against England, at Eden Park tomorrow, with a drastically reshaped team and on a pitch prepared for a positive result.

The last four Tests played in Auckland have been drawn with bat dominating ball. New Zealand have invariably seemed content with such stagnation, but it is of no use to them now. Having lost the first game of this short series, and lost it embarrassingly. they are intent on beating England on this ground for the first time in 13 attempts.

When Micky Stewart, the England team manager, inspected the Test pitch yesterday afternoon, he was intrigued, though not surprised, to find it wet and thickly grassed. The first factor may not prevail tomorrow morning, but the second inevitably will. New Zealand have chosen four seam bowlers in

batsman have drunk deeply

from Auckland's well of runs

in recent years, England's

batsmen during the same

period have found Eden Park

some way removed from par-

While Greenidge (213).

adise (Simon Wilde writes).

Javed Miandad (271), Azhar-

uddin (192) and Aravinda de

Silva (96 and 123) have cause

to remember their last ap-

pearances on the ground. En-

gland's batsmen have, relatively speaking, missed out on each of their last three



Pringle: valuable skills

their 12 and are plainly gambling on them settling the

"We have got to start believing we can level the series," Martin Crowe, the New Zealand captain, said. "They are our conditions out there, and we must make sure we use them better than England."

The state of the pitch may yet have a bearing on England's final selection, but Graham Gooch, the captain. stresses it will have none on his approach. "You play on what you are given," he said.

visits, dating back to 1977-8.

Each time it was a battle of

attrition. Each time New Zea-

land, whose priority has in-

variably been to avoid defeat.

batted first and spent suffi-

cient time at the crease to

effectively achieve their

who scored two centuries in

the match, spent 455 minutes

over his first hundred: in

1983-4, John Wright, Jeff

Crowe and Ian Smith all

made three-figure scores; and

four years ago. Wright spent

ENGLAND TOUR AYERAGES

In 1977-8, Geoff Howarth.

The pitch they have produced is not a concern to me. I go into every game believing it is there to be won and that is how I expect all our players

unable to bowl off more than

a few paces. A decision on his

fitness may not be made until

tomorrow morning, but Eng-

land could be reluctant to

take a risk on both Lewis and

Lawrence surviving the five

If the bowling attack re-

mains open to speculation,

England's batting order is

settled. Botham will not even

come into consideration until

the final Test in Wellington,

and neither Ramprakash nor

Fairbrother has done enough

Concern continues, however

er, over the frailty which still

compromises Graeme Hick's

game. Until he improves his

back-foot defensive method

he will remain susceptible at

the highest level and can ex-

pect little respite from the

As a second spin bowler

and a superb all-round

fieldsman, Hick's value to the

side is immense, quite apart

from his batting, and al-though no one in the hierar-

chy is blind to his technical

problem, he has already

proved impressive and popu-

lar on his first England tour.

been shorter of time in the

middle than any of the bats-

men, but two failures hardly

constitute a confidence crisis.

He said yesterday: "It is a

slight concern, but no more. I

think my mental approach to

batting is as good now as it

Among the local club

y was a sharp left-armer.

bowlers summoned to the

England net session yester-

deliberately arranged as

practice against the threat

which Murphy Su'a, the

Auckland-based Samoan.

may pose on his New Zealand

debut. This time last year England

were suffering torment against another left-armer in

Australia's Bruce Reid, whose

27 wickets in four Tests was the most decisive factor in the

Ashes series. No one expects

Su'a to perform with Reid's

consistent menace just yet, but England are taking no

Su'a may give the New Zealand attack variety. Wat-

son may give it control and Rutherford may inject some

class into the batting. It does

close the gulf between the

has ever been. I go in expect-

ing to do well."

Gooch himself has recently

to warrant inclusion.

short ball.

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David Lawrence bowled the equivalent of 15 overs during net practice yesterday. his 28th birthday, and reported no reaction from his side injury by the time he was taken out for a celebration dinner with the entire tour Gooch expects him to be

available for selection, but Lawrence is not a certainty to win his fifth cap. "If it is a green, slow seamer, our tactics might be different," Gooch said. This, indeed, might be the rationale for retaining an unchanged side on the basis that Derek Pringle, with his accuracy, and ability to move the ball off the seam, could be a more penetrative weapon than the

sheer pace of Lawrence. An additional complication has arisen with the condition of Chris Lewis, one of two England bowlers to complete the Christchurch victory in discomfort from groin strain. While Phil DeFreitas has re-

Paradise for some visitors almost six hours over another hundred. Although England were able to reply in kind, with long vigils from Clive Chris Smith and Radley.

Martyn Moxon respectively,

it was hardly cricket to set the

pulse racing. This time, with New Zealand needing to win, things might be a little different.

RESULTS (1929-30 to date): England 3, New Zealand 0, draws 9.

Height of delight: Kapil Dev appeals for one of his five wickets in Adelaide yesterday

Australia plod ahead in a battle of attrition

chances.

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK

IT Botham and R K Illangworth played in one match but did not

AUSTRALIA spent yesterday, as they had Monday. trying to put the fourth Test match, and therefore the series, out of India's reach, and by close of play they had probably succeeded. India will start the last day needing 341 to win, with all their second-innings wickets

standing.
Chasing 493 on the same ground in 1978, they reached 445; but that was on a more encouraging pitch and against an Australian side without its Packer mercenaries. The present match has been almost entirely devoid of confident strokeplay. runs have been scored at the rate of 2.4 an over and 213 a

Given a 90-over last day,

India will have to average 3.8 runs an over, and Azharuddin, for one, has been in no sort of form. But what a bounty it would be if they were to get somewhere

Australia's second innings of 451 was an unalleviated plod. Taylor's hundred on Monday was within a minute of being the slowest ever made for Australia. And by tea time yesterday. Border had been batting for five hours for 77.

India, needless to say, took a long time about their overs, though their readiness to join in the battle of attrition is partly explained by an inju-ry to Prabakhar, which kept him off the field. Just under an hour into the

morning's play, only one wicket had fallen in the previous 116 overs of the match and that to a long hop. Boon.

Jones and Waugh were then all out within the space of four balls and without a run

being scored. Had Kapil Dev caught Healy on the square leg boundary off Tendulkar soon afterwards, as he unques-tionably should have done. Australia would have been 290 for six — a lead of 210 with only Border and the bowlers left. Instead, Healy's 41 and the 71 he added with his captain pinned India

Having batted with grim determination for seven-andthree-quarter hours, Boon went walkabout. Pandit, India's jack-in-the-box in wicketkeeping gloves, caught him unawares, so that an ambled leg-side single suddenly became a desperate yet unavailing sprint for safety.
It is hard to think that

anyone could have been par-

ticularly sorry to see the end of Boon. But the prospect of watching, at long last, more batsmanship than abstinence was no more a mirage.

Pushing out at his second ball, an outswinger, Jones was caught at the wicket. If Waugh's reaction was anything to go by, the decision that then sent him on his way — given out first ball. caught at third slip off bat and pad - allowed the Indians to feel that they, for once, had won

the lottery.
Unless he cries off in the meantime. Peter McConnell will go into the World Cup as one of the two Australian umpiring representatives with his confidence at a very

In Prabakhar's absence. much was asked of Kapil Dev and he responded splendidly by getting to within three of his 400th Test wicket. His control is as good as it ever was, perhaps better.

Stinath, a lissom medium pacer, and Raju, orthodox left-arm spin, mostly shared the other end, though when Tendulkar was occasionally given the ball it was fun. Like the wonderfully natural cricketer he is, he will try anything—and, at 18, he has yet to take the game too

seriously.

Bombay: Ravi Shastri, the Indian vice-captain, is likely to be fit for the World Cup next month. A spokesman for the Bombay Cricket Association said yesterday that Shastri's hamstring and ligament injuries, which caused him to fly home from the tour of Australia on Monday, were "not of a lasting nature". India have delayed announcing their 14-man World Cup squad until early next month. (Reuter)

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 145.

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S K Werne c Pandit b Srinath
C J McDermott b Raju
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-231, 3-277, 4277, 5-277, 6-348, 7-383, 8-383, 9-409.
#BOWLING: Kapit Dev 51-12-130-5;
Probhasker 21-5-80-0; Raju 58-15-121-2;
Srinath 37-14-78-2;
Sridkanth 1-0-5-0;
Tendulkar 20-5-44-0. INDIA: First Innings 225 (Kapil Dev 56; C.J. McDermott 5 for 76)

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Scientist reveals Bond's keel broke Cup rules

FROM BARRY PICKTHALLIN SAN DIEGO

day's rest-day from the Louis Vuitton America's Cup trials off San Diego. Peter van Oossanen, the research scientist who worked with Ben Lexcen to develop the design of Alan Bond's victorious Australia II 12-metre yacht, revealed how his input changed the course of yachting history.
Faced by a superior boat

from Australia in the 1983 America's Cup. Dennis Conner and members of the defending New York Yacht Club tried unsuccessfully to prove that the yacht's novel wing keel was a Dutch invention and not the brainchild of the Australian designer, as the rules insist. "They were 70 per cent right, but could never prove any of it." Van Oossanen, who was sworn to secrecy, said.

If they had, Bond's chal-lenger would have been barred from the competition: Peter de Savary's yacht, Vic-tory '83, would have been the challenger, and, in all probability, the Cup would have remained with the New York YC and not now be sitting in San Diego.

"The boat and keel were the products of a remarkable team effort," Van Oossanen said. "Ben Lexcen came to Holland to take advantage of the computerised design programme we had developed at the Ship Model Basin, to test ideas without going to the expense of running models in

AS CREWS enjoyed Mon- Among the many keel shapes Van Oossanen fed through the programme to improve the stability and windward performance of Lexcen's beaten 1980 challenger. Australia. was the yacht's original rapezoidal keel, inverted so that the greatest mass of lead was centred near the portons.

"It was Ben's idea and the test results showed an immediate advantage. The only problem was the large vortices that developed along the bottom of the keel," Oossanen said.

The Dutchman then discussed the problem with Joop Sloof, a scientific colleggue. who later claimed that he invented the wing keel "All he did was point us to a scientific paper on research into the inverted winglets fitted to the wingtips of Jumbo jets. We took the idea back and tried it, and found it improved the boar's performance by two per cent."

Lexcen, Van Oossanen conceded, refined the idea and drew up the final lines. "It was Ben who faired in the wings and developed the final shape of the keel, but the concept was the product of our teamwork," he said.

James Michael, then a member of the New York YC's defence committee, said yesterday that he was not surprised by van Oossanen's revelations. "It was one of those situations when we knew we were right but could

GYMNASTICS

Sands heats up Games rivalry

By Peter Aykroyd

ALITIA Sands's unexpected recapture of the national rhythmic gymnastics title last weekend at Bletchle; has intensified the contest for Britain's two places at the Barcelona Olympic Games

At the national championships. Sands upset the leadcontenders. Viva Seitert and Debbie Southwick, who tied for the silver medal. Seifert was the defending champion and Southwick last year took Britain to their highest international level, taking 37th place at the world championships in Athens. Indeed, at that event, South-

Britain for two places at the Barcelona Games. Southwick, aged 15, from

Widnes, is considered to be Britain's most exciting prospect. She has outstanding skill, elegant poise and imagi-native movements, encour-aged by Irina Viner, a leading Russian choreographer. Earwent to Moscow to train with the Russian team under Viner's direction.

Seifert, from Hillingdon, also trains abroad, visiting Bulgaria regularly. Sands, from Coventry, does have international experience and, as demonstrated, consistency wick and Seifert qualified under pressure.

TABLE TENNIS

Europe bid in offing

ENGLAND is preparing to bid for the 1994 European championships following the withdrawal of the original host, Yugoslavia. (Richard Eaton writes). The English Table Tennis Association, which organised the 1983 European Top 12 and the 1977 world championships, is to assess the financial viability of raising the £1 million which will be needed to stage the championship.

Zoran Primorac, the world No. 19, will be given a direct

entry into the Olympic Games this year to represent Croatia following the decision of the International Table Tennis Federation's (ITTF) to grant permission to that country to compete.

Competitors from Slovenia. Albania and Estonia will compete in the Olympic qualifying tournament. Those countries and Russia and Kazakhstan have asked for affiliation to the ITTF, whose number of member countries approaches 150.

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NETBALL

League hopes on the line

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE balance at the top of the English Counties League may tilt in one direction at the Luton regional sports centre tonight. Essex Metropolitan head the table on goal difference from Surrey, but just six points behind are Bedfordshire and Birmingham, who meet this evening.

With five points for a win that is no great deficit, and while Surrey may be champions, Bedfordshire and Birmingham have each won the title in recent years. That is reflected in two squads replete with internationals: although in Birmingham's case

they tend to be retired.

If Birmingham, who include Joan Bryan, the goalshooter who closed her England career by retiring last summer, Collette Thomson, so long the England captain before becoming an international selector, and Sharon Jones, a former colleague on tours abroad, are England past, Bedfordshire are quite the present version. They are captained by

Kendra Lowe, now recovered

from a long-term injury and back fulfilling the same role for England, and feature three of her team-mates, in Trudy Papaño, Sharon Fogerty and Lisa Jones. Whatever happens tonight.

on Saturday Essex Metropolitan and Surrey will aim to maintain their advantage. away to Cheshire and home to Hampshire North respectively. They are matches the leaders should win, but if they were to slip up either Bedford-



shire or Birmingham would be sitting close. The All England Netball

Association (AENA) has received an invitation from the East Caribbean countries for an English coach to visit there on an eight-month contract. Likewise, Abu Dhabi, where netball is a boom sport, has invited a coach to visit this March, and the AENA has received six applications

from interested parties. "It shows our coaches and umpires are held in high es-teem abroad." Liz Nicholl, the chief executive of AENA, said, citing the further example of Maureen Lee, who has been asked to return to New Columbia later this year in order to repeat a previous umpiring course.

Nicholl has received a fürther boost with confirmation from the BBC's Grandstand programme that it will broadcast one of the three internationals against New Zealand this November. "That is excellent news and should help us ensure good sponsorship.

VOLLEYBALL

Bank extends its sponsorship deal

By RODDY MACKENZIE

has extended its sponsorship of the national league and cup competitions in England and Scotland. In a package worth more than £160,000, the leading competitions north and south of the border will be backed until the end of the 1993-4 season and the bank will have an option to continue.

its involvement with the game stretches back to 1981. when it sponsored the Scottish league and Scottish cup. So successful was the agreement that it extended financial support to England in

"It is a boost for us, particularly in these recessionary times. George Bulman, the national director of the English Volicyball Association (EVA), said.

Team Mizzno Malory. whose rise to prominence has coincided with the bank's backing, strengthened their grip on the leadership of the

THE Royal Bank of Scotland men's first division at the weekend. The champions beat Wessex 15-12, 15-8, 15-5 as Hilton Leeds kept up their challenge with a 17-16, 15-17, 15-9, 15-13 win at

Polonia Ealing.
In the women's first division, there were no surprises with Woolwich Briston, the leaders, defeating Hilton Leeds 15-8, 15-2, 15-11 In Scotland, David

Kalugerovich, the Telford player-coach, made a surprise appearance for the Edinburgh team a matter of weeks after claiming he would never play for a Scottish club again after being unhappy at deci-sions made by the Scottish-Volleyball Association (SVA). Telford celebrated his re-

turn to the fold by beating Coatbridge 15-2, 15-13, 7-15, 15-8, although the title now looks to be beyond them. West Coast, still unbesten. had to work hard to overfiaul Bellshill Cardinals 5-15, 15-2, 9-15, 15-8, 15-8. RIFLE SHOOTING

Plans pay off for target team BRITAIN'S target rifle team returned from their New Zea-

land tour yesterday after providing a demonstration of team shooting at its best in winning the Australia Trophy, the highest team award in Commonwealth shooting, for the third time in succession (Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes). Shooting is not easy to take

up again in the middle of winter, for not only have the shooters to get back on form, the rifles, too, have to be brought back into condition. But the group planned to use the New Zealand championships to get the measure of the notorious Wellington wind and motivate the team, rather

than seek individual glory, and the strategy paid off.

Australia drew level half-way through the 1.000-yards section of the four-range match, but Britain held on to win by four points, with an average score of 192 out of 200 and 196 from Andy Chown and Andrew Lothian

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Hoping for a season when Lotus blossoms

nlikely as it may sound, this sesson Lotus would want to do no more than emil e the Jordan team. The once great and innovative marque would wish only to become competitive with the leading four constructor and ruffle a few feathers, as Jordan did in against

it is an indication of how far the fortines of Lotus have fallen. Jonan were making their first ppearance in Formula Or: last season; Lotus have a long and proud tradition. It was Stirling Moss who scured the team's first grand prix victory in 1960; Jim lark won two world charpionships and 25 races who Graham Hill was world chmpion and won 14. Lotu. under the late Colin Capman, were also great

Lotus instituted the first proper aerodynamic studies which led to the introduction of ground-effects designs, the so-called skirts. If the Sixties and Seventies were good years for Lotus, the following decade was less so and the past two years have been abysmal. Ayrıon Senna, who was the last driver to win a was the last driver to win a a magnificent setting: tro-grand prix at the wheel of a phies and models of past,

Norman Howell finds the Lotus team trying to overtake the recession and return to the fast lane of Formula One

Lotus, in 1987, spoke only two years later of his sadness at his former team's inability to qualify for the Belgian

That, and Martin Donnelly's accident at Jerez, were the team's lowest points in 1990. Many felt that Louis had got into such a downward spiral, that it was going to stay at the back of the grid. The reces-sion has not helped. "This time last year we only had about five per cent of our budget in place." Peter Collins, who with Peter Wright runs Team Lotus, said. "We didn't know how we would get to the end of the season.

"Getting through last year was a tough proposition. We found sponsorship as we went along. But in a way the difficulties we experienced have taught us a great deal about what you really need to run an Formula One team."

Collins sits in the team's headquarters in Norfolk. It is

the FA's spokesman, Glen

Welsh participation in the

Football League and im-

pressed with the facilities of-

fered at the Arms Park, are

understood to have men-

tioned the possibility to the

FA just over a week ago.

Uefa officials, aware of

victorious cars are discreetly on show. There is a feeling of opulence and it seems odd that Collins should start talking about the kind of lateral thinking that a distinct lack of money has forced his team

"Last year we only went testing twice," he said. "There seems to be a bit of a craze about this now, but we prefer. to rely more on proper homework before we test anything. That way, we save money and maximise our efforts." Collins says there are a

number of ways his team has found to make its relatively meagre resources - teams at this level are still looking for budgets in the region of \$20 million - go further in a scales, while the money spent in achieving this is astronomical.

"Compared to other tearns, we must have taken the least amount of kit with us to Ja-pan and Australia," Collins said. "We also shared hotel rooms for most of last year. And we hired a coach to drive to the French grand prix. We saved £3,000, and people may laugh at that, but that is

the cost of an engine rebuild."
On the subject of engines. Collins is rightly proud to have secured the Ford HBV8 that powered Jordan last year. "That has given us cred-

Team Lotus has a reliable engine, two good drivers in Johnny Herbert and Mika Hakkinen and, in Chris Murphy, a designer who Collins believes will deliver a state-ofthe-art car in time for the first European race, in Barcelona in May. The Lows drivers will also benefit from a helmetmounted instrument display, similar to those used by fighter pilots in the RAF. It will provide them with engine information which will flash up on the inside of their visors.

Collins believes that Formula One will have to become leaner and meaner to survive the cash flow problems affecting the large corporations worldwide. Less money will have to go further, and he thinks that Lotus is the team that will emerge ready and fit to fight for honours again



Team Lotus: Collins, left, and Murphy hope that Hakkinen can ruffle a few feathers in 1992

Clampdown denied as Notts County manager is accused of misconduct

Welsh may share **European finals**

BY PETER ROBINSON

THE Football Association's search for suitable venues to stage the 1996 European championships could soon lead across the River Severn to Cardiff Arms Park, the spiritual home of Welsh rugby union. A joint bid to stage the tournament, for a long time not an option that found favour within Lancaster

Gate, is now a possibility, the FA admitted yesterday. Driven by the need accomodate the 16-team competition being considered by Uefa, European football's governing body, instead of the established eight-strong event, the FA is looking at the Arms Park as another stadium to add to a list that already includes Wembley. Old Trafford, Villa Park and Elland Road. Those four

would stage games if England succeeds with its bid to host the championships in their present form in four

"Ideally, we would like to stage the tournament alone, but if Uefa decided two nations should be involved, we would go along with that."

Warnock is charged by FA after remarks to referee

By LOUISE TAYLOR

NEIL Warnock yesterday became the latest manager to be charged with misconduct by the Football Association. Warnock's charge relates to comments allegedly made to the referee, Keith Hackett, during his Notts County side's defeat at home to Leicester City in the Zenith Data Systems Cup earlier this

Radomir Antic, the former Luton Town midfield player, The case takes the number was yesterday dismissed as of misconduct cases pending at the FA to seven, but David coach of Real Madrid. With Barcelona closing the gap on Bioomfield, its press officer. Real at the top of the Spanish League, Antic has swapped stressed yesterday that this is

purely coincidence. places with Leo Beenhakker. There is no set policy and the club's general manager. Dynamo Dresden's club there is no deliberate clampdown," he said. "We take doctor, Wolfgang Klein, has action where we feel it is admitted spying on players for the Stasi, the East Ger-man secret police. He said the necessary. There has been a spate of cases, but you have to East German league had been "riddled" with view things in terms of the season overall. It is possibly informers. no worse than last season, but Cameroon yesterday bethings come in rushes. For example, earlier this season, a

came the third country in 24 hours - following Senegal and Egypt — to part company with their manager after the African nations' cup. Phillip Redon resigned after Cameroon lost in the semi-finals.

conduct. Other managers waiting to be dealt with are Steve Coppell, of Crystal Palace, and Howard Wilkinson. of Leeds United, who is chairman of the League Managers' Association. All cases relate to comments made to

match officials.

Anyone charged has 14 days in which to book a personal hearing. Coppell, who was reported after a match against Manchester City. has told the FA he will not be making such a plea and wants his case considered by corrspondence. Warnock. too, has opted for a written,

rather than verbal, defence. Wilkinson, who was fined E500 for a similar offence last season, has indicated that he will appear at Lancaster Gate in order to explain comments made to officials during the recent 6-1 televised win at Sheffield Wednesday.

Managers do not represent the only problem. Players are queuing up to have their cases heard, with Peter Billing, the Coventry City and England Under-21 international cener of Wimbledon, with mistral defender becoming the latest to be charged yesterday. His alleged misconduct centres on remarks made to Tony Ward, who refereed Coventry's FA Cup third-round replay defeat at Cambridge United on January 14.

Billing's temper flared when Cambridge were awarded a controversial penalty for handball by his teammate, Pearce, in the final minute and he had to be restrained by other Coventry players from violently remonstrating with Ward.

Les Sealey, the Aston Villa goalkeener, who has already been fined a formight's wages by his club, was charged by the FA on Monday after a verbal attack on George Courtney, the Fifa referee. after a recent game against Sheffield Wednesday. Michael Thomas, the

Liverpool midfield player, also fell foul of the misconduct regulation after his attack in a Sunday newspaper on the managerial methods and playing style adopted by George Graham, who is in charge of Arsenal, Thomas's

SWIMMING Davies enhances Olympic claims

By Craig Lord

BRITISH short-course record times brought victory for Sharron Davies and Mark Foster in the sixth round of the World Cup at Milan last night, strengthening their claims for places in the British team for the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

In lowering the national 200 metres medley record for the third time in five weeks, to defeat Beatrice Coada, of Romania, Davies, aged 29, added vet another chapter to one of the most outstanding stories of British swimming.

At the fifth round of the cup at Bonn last Saturday, Davies promised to better 2min 14sec in Milan, after coming third to Elena Dendeverova. of Russia, in 2min 14.16sec. She was as good as her word. clocking 2min 13.41 sec.

She became the first British woman to swim under 2min 15sec in winning the English title at Barnet last month and has improved the British record by almost two seconds from the point at which it stood to Zara Long. Last night's time was also four seconds faster than Davies returned to become English champion in 1980, the year in which she won a silver

medal at the Moscow Olym-

pics before taking a break from the sport of some eight

Davies, who trains at Portsmouth and Bracknell, led from start to finish and was never under pressure. She is now less than a second away from the Commonwealth record, held by Nancy Sweemam, of Canada.

The performance of Foster.

of Barnet Copthall, was also , encouraging. While the 50 metres butterfly which he won last night in 24.10sec - just 0.05 sec slower than the world best time of the German. Nils Rudolph - is not an Olympic event, the effort confirms that his sprint ability has improved with every passing week since he began to race last autumn after a 14month break.

month break.

RESULTS: Men: 100m freestyle: A Kasvio (Fin), 49.35sec. 400m freestyle: S Ptetiler (Ger), 3mm 45.12. 100m backstroke: M Tewisbury (Car), 54.34. 50m breasstroke: V Ivanov (CS), 27.84. 200m breasstroke: V Ivanov (CS), 27.84. 200m breasstroke: V Ivanov (CS), 17.85. 50m butterfly: M Foster (Eng), 24.10 (Bhtsh record). 200m butterfly: D Loader (N2), 159.17. 100m mediey: L Carbonari (ft) and J Hadiky (Ger), 56.14. 400m mediey: L Sacht (II), 4.12.08. Women: 50m freestyle: M Stetmach (Ger), 158.99. 50m backstroke: S Voelker (Ger), 158.99. 50m backstroke: S Voelker (Ger), 29.38. 200m packstroke: S Voelker (Ger), 200.11. 100m breastyle: Gersch (Ger), 1.08.51. 100m butterfly: Y Kando (Jepan), 100.39. 200m mediey: S Davies (Eng). 2-13.41. (Brisish record). 800m freestyle: I Daby (Nor), 8-22.37.

BRIDGE

Woman's touch helps **England to victory**

ENGLAND won both age categories in the junior home international series, the first international championship held at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff (Albert Dormer writes).

In the Junior Camrose Trophy for under-25s, the winners, comfortably ahead of Wales, included Francis Hinden, of Cambridge University, at 21 the first woman to represent England in the events. The youngest competitor was Martin Bateman. aged 13, of Glasgow, in the Peggy Bayer Trophy for inder-20s, where Scotland led before fading to finish second, ahead of Northern

at the Hyde Park Hotel, both sides last night were showing signs of strain arising from the stringent conditions of the contest, which ban substitution. But the scientific Americans, with their eyes on the £50,000 purse, seemed to

be remorsely grinding their free-wheeling Naturalist opponents into submission. With 32 boards remaining in the 128-board encounter. Robert Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell had set up a 227-156 lead over Tony Forester and Andrew Robson, of Britain, and the Brazilian pair.Gabriel Chagas and

Marcelo Branco.

IN BRIEF **Dates for** Graham title bid

fered two dates. February 27 and March 6, on which to meet Sumbu Kalambay in Pesaro, central Italy, for the latter's European middleweight title. Graham lost the title to Kalambay in 1987. ☐ Joe Kelly won the vacant British bantamweight title by outpointing Ronnie Carroll over 12 rounds in Glasgow.

Gonzalez on top

Boxing: Humberto Gonzale of Mexico, retained his WBC world light-flyweight boxing championship yesterday with a unanimous points decision over Domingo Sosa, of the Dominican Republic.

Busy Wigan

Rugby League: Wigan fly to Sydney on Monday for the inaugural World Sevens even after playing their postponed first round Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie against Salford on Sunday. If Wigan win they will play the second round on February 23, the third round date, after they return. Wayne Parker, captain of Hull Kingston Rovers, is out of action for a month after dislocating a shoulder.

German blow

Tennis: Michael Stich, the Wimbledon champion, has pulled out of Germany's first round Davis Cup tie against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro this weekend because of injury.

Nick Fulwood, from Derbyshire, and Amanda Grenfeld. Lancashire, won the men's and women's finals in the eighth round of the LTA British Tour at Wigan.

Cape warm-up

Cricket: Warwickshire and Yorkshire are to play Western Province in Cape Town at the end of March.

☐ Plans to build a shopping centre on the historic cricket ground in the centre of Hastings have again stalled. Sus-sex play Nottinghamshire there on June 16 in a second

Estonian rides

Cycling: The travel and hotel expenses of Alges Maasikmets, a lone Estonian entrant for the world cyclo-cross championships in Leeds this Saturday, are being met by the British governing bodies.

TOKYO: Pen-Pacific woman's indoor tournament: First round. M Makeya (Bul) bt B Schutz (Neth), 7-6, 6-4. W Shing (Ta) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-2, 7-5; K Date (Japan) bt P Fendick (US), 6-3, 6-1, Eddermester (Penu) bt P Harper (US), 6-7, 7-5, A Kulmara (Japan) bt R Hiraki (Japan) bt R Shubbs (Aus) bt N Zvereva (CIS), 6-4, 7-6, P Shriver (US) bt C Cunningham (US), 6-3, 6-2; M Ende (Japan) bt J Duffe (GB), 6-4, 6-1; Y Basuki (Indo) bt M Yokobori (Japan) 7-6, 6-3

Branfoot is keen to prove his point

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Joe Kinnear, the new manag-

Warnock's charge came 24

getting sent off."

By LOUISE TAYLOR

HOW many times this season must lan Branfoot have wished he could swap jobs with the man seated in the visitors' due-out at Southampton on Monday night? The occasion was a 0-0 FA

Cup fourth-round draw with Manchester United but, while Aiex Ferguson con-templates a possible treble. Branfoot is preoccupied with ensuring that The Dell stages Premier League football in August Southampton languish

second from bottom of the first division and their manager, in his first season in the job. is the butt of criticism from supporters and

It centres on alleged use of the long ball, although against both United and Chelsea - whom they defeated 2-0 in the first leg of a Zenith Data Syststems southern area final last Tuesday, and meet again in the return at Stamford Bridge tonight - South-ampton looked anything but a kick-and-rush brigade.

Branfoot maintains his team have tried to play football" all along and that his detractors have been blinded by the "direct" label attached to him in recent jobs as manager of Reading and coach at Crystal Palace.

"Palace were an out-andout long ball team and proud of it so, when I came here, nobody bothered to look closely at the way we were playing," he said. "I was tagged before I'd

begun Considering Branfoot — once a rugged full back with Sheffield Wednesday and Doncaster Rovers — began his coaching career under the management of Graham Taylor "I cannot say it does not at Lincoln City, such stereotyping is no surprise.

Branfoot, aged 42, who subsequently became youth coach at Lawrie McMenemy's Southampton before steering Reading from the fourth to second division, believes the long ball is a magnet for hypocrisy. "When Glenn Hoddle hits

one it becomes a long pass. When Liverpool came here, they began by kicking the ball straight into the corner flags three times. They told us they often do it to turn defenders early on. The other week we won 2-1 at Tottenham and made most of the short passes."

That win, followed by success in the ZDS, have "been terrific for confidence. Real life-savers". They have also, temporarily at least, quelled the cries of "Branfoot out".

affect me," he said. Yet Branfoot, whose foot-

ball upbringing on the terraces at Sunderland acquainted him with fanaticism, hopes to deflect such destructive passion into the path of opposing sides. "I



Branfoot: criticised

GM VALIDHALL CONFERENCE: Wycombe 1, Famborough 1 (abandoned after 62 minutes).

BARCLA'S COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: Chaimstard 2, Ashlord Town 0; Hadnestord Town v Bromagrove Rovers.

possess sufficent skill to frighten England defenders of the calibre of Gary Pallister and Paul Parker. Both have been the subject of considerable transfer speculation but Branfoot insists they are "staying". So is he; resignation is the last thing on his mind. "Not a chance. I have absolutely no regrets about accepting the job," he said. But it is true to say that, with tonight's game against

Dell a fearsome, daunting

More results like Mon-

day's should help while the

attacking duo of Alan Shear-

er and Matthew Le Tissier

have already proved they

place for teams to visit."

United, this next week could

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 97. Utah Jazz 80

Chelsea, the League match

we badly need three points

and the replay against

at Norwich on Saturday -

make or break our season.

BOXING GLASGOW: Professional bill: British bantamweight champtonship: Joe Kelly (Glasgow) bil Pornie Carroll (Glasgow) pil Light-weiter: Kris MeAdam (Glasgow) ko Pete Roberts (Isle of Man) 2nd md Bantam: Drew Docherty (Croy) bi

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: St Johns: Windward Islands 193 and 248 Leeward Islands 242 and 200-2 (K Arthurton 97 not cyrt. R Jacobs 52 not out I Leeward Islands won by eight wickets. Kingston: Guyana 173 and 232, Jamaica 171 and 235-4 (J Adams 102 not cut. J Duon 66 not out) Jamaica won by so: wickets. Port of Spain: Triedlard and Tobago 250 and 208-4 dec. Barbadge 108 and 309-7 (R Holder 123. C Browne 62 not out). Match drawn Berbedge 1 ter ama over un member 82 not out). Melch drawn CHRISTCHURCH, New Zeeland; Women's match: Second day of three: England XI 2448 dec and 49-2, New Zeeland President's XI 208-5 dec amazen: Second

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P Walts bt C Griffith-Jones and C Sartin,
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4-6, 6-5, J English and P Part-Wew bt M
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Browne and D McCDonald, 3-6, 3-6, 1 ParkWer and I Finlayson lost to M DunningtonJefferson and T Jackson, 3-6, 6-4, 5-6

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(Fin) bf J Richardson (NZ), 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, A
Strasdova (Czech) bf N Erospowbo
(Crosela), 6-3, 6-3; B Fulco-Villeife (Arg) bf N
Pralt (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; S Gomer (GB) bf A
Smashnova (sr.), 6-1, 6-3; D Faber (US) bt A
Gavaldon (Mor.), 7-6, 6-0; N Dahlman
(Fin) bf H Farihark-Nucetter (US), 6-2, 6-2, 8
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Hand (Berkshire), 6-1, 6-3; Women's
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(Devon), 6-3, 6-2, Borus Pool positions:
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Granfeld, 450; 2, Lake, 360, 3, 8 Griffitis
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STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:
Third division: Chorley v Huddersteld
(8:0).

BASKETBALL BASKETBALL CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Leicester Fiders v Hemel Hempstead Royals.

FOOTBALL FOOTBALL

RUMBELOWS CLP: Fish round replay.
Postponed: Middlesbrough v
Peterborough:
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Postponed: Burnley v Scathorough.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division:
Postponed: Gisnaby v Scathorough.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division:
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Stenhouseman v Dumbarton.
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ing v Macclesfield. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE Postponed: First division: Coventry v Liver-pool, Rotherham v Snetfield Wed, Snetfield Ltd.v Manchester City. Second division: Notite County v Scunifrorpe:

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Park Rangers 5, Brentlord 1
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Philips
Cup: Cievedon Town 1, Bath City 2
ENGLISH SCHOOLS CROYDON CUP:
Third Round: Ouse Valley 2, Brighton 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Postponed: Sallord v Wigan, Doncaster v Swinton.

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29 1992

Title chase could soon involve a third club

Liverpool look to challenge League leaders

LIVERPOOL will tonight seek to undermine further the widely held, if somewhat predictable, notion that the desti-ny of the League championship this season concerns just two clubs - the Uniteds of Manchester and Leeds.

If Liverpool should defeat Arsenal, the champions, at Anfield, a television audience of many millions would, perhaps, be forced reluctantly to acknowledge that a third northern force was a genuine contender for the most coveted prize in English football. Liverpool's rise from an un-

comfortable position of midtable anonymity has been impressive. The Merseyside club has not tasted defeat in a League fixture since Crystal Palace triumphed at Anfield on November 2.

Since then, 26 points have been gathered during the course of a 12-match unbeaten sequence, which has in-cluded notable wins over

Manchester City. Tottenham Hotspur and Nottingham Forest. While a victory this evening would not improve Liverpool's position of third in the first division, it would narrow the gap between themselves and Manchester United, the leaders and

Fixture pile-up is growing concern

By Louise Taylor

A MIXTURE of wintry weather and the police's insistence on a ten-day interval between cup-ties and replays is threatening to cause football a fixture backlog which is further complicated by the demands of television.

Nottingham Forest are They are still in the FA, Rumbelows and ZDS cups. and their ZDS northern area semi-final against Leicester tonight has been postponed for a second time.

On Monday, they face a Rumbelows Cup fifth-round replay against Crystal Palace, which has already suffered one postponiment. Should they fail to settle it - Rumbelows ties can go on indefinitely - they stand to lose £95,000. ITV has offered the winners a live slot for the semi-final against Tottenham Hotspur four days later, with £190,000 to be shared.

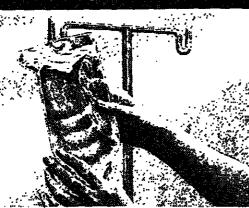
Forest's programme will become even more cluttered if they fail to finish either the Palace tie or require more than one match against Bris-tol City in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

Middlesbrough, too, must be dreading a snowy Februbelows Cup fifth-round replay against Peterborough was yesterday called off for the third time in a week, and will now take place on February originally a semi-final

Middlesbrough play at Sheffield Wednesday next week in a delayed FA Cup fourth-round tie. Any replay will be on February 15, fifth

The television companies will be hoping that Sunday. February 16, is fine. There will be two live FA Cup fifthround ties - one on BBC and one on BSkyB - that day.

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Typically. Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, declined to talk of his side's commendable recent progress yesterday, preferring instead to discuss the potential threat of tonight's 'Arsenal have had a disappointing season by their own standards and also a bit of

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criticism, especially after their defeat in the FA Cup by Wrexham," he said. "However, they have players with a bit of steel about them and will bounce back.

"They will be coming here with a great deal of confidence, having won at Anfield last season and having won the title here the year before. In the space of 90 minutes, they could get back all their credibility and self-esteem in front of a watching nation.

"This is a big game for us."
Souness said. "We must remember it is the champions of England who are coming

Although the enormous catalogue of injury problems that has so restricted Souness's options this season has yet to fully clear up, Burrows, the England B international full back, discovered to his cost yesterday that the old adage suggesting reputations count for very little at Liver-pool has its roots in fact rather than fiction.

Burrows, an impressive figure over the past 18 months, has now recovered from the hamstring injury that has kept him out of his club's last five fixtures but the assuredness shown by the Liverpool defence in his absence is such immediate recall.

Barnes, the England international winger, who has started just five senior games this season, will again be missing after being informed that a blood clot in a calf muscle will require complete rest for at least another two

Molby, however, is expected to return to the starting line-up after missing the victory over Oldham Athletic at Boundary Park 11 days ago because of a hamstring

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, will be able to pair Bould and Adams at the heart of his defence for only the fourth time this season following the former's recovery from a groin strain. 'We have definitely missed Bould. He was probably our best player last season." Graham said. Campbell and Hillier have been included in the travelling squad but neither player can realistically expect to progress further than the substitutes' bench.

Branfoot's aim, page 25 practice here on Monday. I



Thumbs-up: Boycott appraises Gooch's form in the nets yesterday, looking over the shoulder of Micky Stewart in Auckland. Picture: Graham Morris

Boycott angers Botham

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN AUCKLAND

GEOFF Boycott's role within the England cricket regime was called into question yesterday when he incensed lan Botham by criticising his attitude in a newspaper article.

Micky Stewart, the England team manager, exonerated Botham from Boycott's charge of unprofessionalism for missing a day's net practice. He also hinted that the Yorkshireman, used as a batting guru by several members of the team, may be asked to the embarrassment escalates. Boycott, who is a columnist for The Sun, yesterday at-

tacked Botham for failing to

have been assured independently, however, by both Stewart and the captain, Graham Gooch, that Botham offered to turn up on an official day off but was told to rest.

He played golf instead. I know how individuals practise best over a period of time." Stewart said. "That is part of my job, man management. I told Ian to stay away. He had done a lot of physical work in recent days, more than anyone in fact, and as his target is to be ready for the third Test, he has a lot more

ner sessions ahead of him." Stewart was aware of Botham's reaction to the criticism. "He won't laugh it off,"

he said. "It is a difficult situation because Geoffrey's main job is as a journalist. I have discussed this with him before. We don't want to ask him to stay away, but it might come to that if players are going to be upset."

Gooch is in a sensitive position. He regularly consults Boycott himself and was coached by him at England's practice only yesterday. If strong feelings are to be aroused by Boycott, not for the first time in his cricketing life, Gooch has some unenvi able mediating to perform.

Test preview, page 24

Ireland hopes improve as injured revive

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESP

IRELAND will confirm to-IRELAND will consists today the fitness of the two
London Irishmen. Simon
Geoghegan and Jim Staples,
for Saturday's five nations'
championship match against
England at Twickenham.
The Irish have already lost
Noel Mannion from their replacements, and, vesterday

placements and yesterday Geognegan, the wing, report ed a slight groin strain. Sta-ples, who has complained of a back injury, saw Mick Molloy, the team doctor, last night, but he is expected to

At a time when the greatest cohesion is necessary to pull Ireland from the despondency which defeat against Wales created, Ciaran Fitzgerald, the coach, is desperate to have his strongest squad for tomorrow's training in Dublin. However Geoghegan, who withdrew from the Welsh match because of a family bereavement, has not played since before Christmas and though he trained with the squad at the weekend, there is obviously doubt over his match fitnes

Mannion, the back-row forward from Lansdowne, has cricked his neck and his place is taken by Philip Lawlor, the Bective Rangers player capped against Argentina in 1990. Lawlor was due to play in Friday's B interna-tional against England, but Patrick Johns (Dublin University) plays No. 8 instead.

England's players for both senior and B marches assemble this evening and will train at the Stoop Memorial ground; the Rewards will pay particular and ion to their ser-piece work with did not

function efficient

land earlier this n The Rugby Foot mindful of the sever has covered parts Twickenham playing but Bracknell Centre has sugges there should be no can alarm, with temperatures ing well above freezing i ing the daytime this week There are contingency plan to move the B internationa.

from Richmond to Imber Court should the worst come to the worst.
France, who open their championship season against Wales in Cardiff, have confirmed the availability of

Marc Cecillon, the Bourgoin back-row forward. Cecillon hurt his ribs in a club game on Sunday but an X-ray has shown no damage, though the match XV will not be confirmed until tomorrow. two days before the game. This will become standard

French practise this season and leaves open the possibili-ty of three forwards from egles, the champion dub, making their championship debuts. Philippe Gimbert and Vincent Moscato played in the front row against Ro-mania and the United States last summer but the lock. Christophe Mougeot, aged 29, has yet to appear

League changes, page 22

Lagisquet pulled out of B team

BY CHRIS THAU

French international winger has had to withdraw from the French B team for the game against Scotland in Albi.on. Sunday because of differences over selection policy be-

tween the two unions. According to a 20-year-old agreement between the countries, no capped players are to be selected for the fixture, unlike the French B games against England, Wales and Ireland, in which a limited number of capped players are

allowed to take part. Bill Hogg, the secretary of the Scottish Ruby Union, said: "We have had an agreement with France since 1972 that no international player was to be selected for the B game against Scotland. We received a call from the French federation secretary, Marcel Martin, in which he apologised for the confusion

ver the B selection. "He explained that the new selection committee, appointed after the election of the

PATRICE Lagisquet, the of the agreement with Scotland. Hogg said the Scots had

told the French that they understood their predicament and accepted that it would not be practical for them to drop all their internationals. But they did suggest that as many as possible should be left out of the team.

They will consequently be less than pleased to learn that despite having withdrawn Lagisquet, the French have included five full internationals in the side.

Jean-Claude Langlade, the centre, is joined by four caps in the pack, in Louis Armary, the prop. Gilles Bourguignon, the lock, Michel Courtiols, the flanker, and Christophe Deslandes, at

Brabham line up woman driver

BY NORMAN HOWELL

BRABHAM, the troubled Formula One team, has contacted a woman driver from Inaly to fill the gap left by Akihiko Nakaya, their named Japanese driver who has been refused a super licence by Fisa, the sport's governing body. Without it he cannot take part in a Formula One Nakaya's appeal will be

heard "before the end of the week," according to a spokesman from Brabham, but meanwhile the Milton Keynes-based team has approached Giovanna Amati, who has been racing in F3000 for some years and whose best result was seventh place in the race at Le Mans

If she does drive for Brabham, it would be he first time since 1978 that there has been a woman on the Formula One circuit. The last to try was Divina Galica, who did not have much luck. Beiore her another Italian, Lella Lombardi, raced with the British-based March team and scored a sixth place in the Spanish Grand Prix in 1975. Amati undoubtedly has ability as F3000, in which she

has been involved since 1988,



Amati: much to prove

has become more and more competitive. This year alone, at least six former F3000 drivers will be on the grid, the most notable being Michael Schumacher. Alessandro Zanardi and Christian Fittipaldi.

The problem for Amati will not be so much the driving, as finding the money to compete in the first place. She could have to lay her hands on a lot of it in order to see the season through with Brabham.

Nakaya brought a lot of yen

Russian sport appears to be locked in a power struggle

By David Miller, Chief sports correspondent

as the official body for the new Russian republic.

A POWER struggle within Russian sport is under way. following decisions reached between Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, and Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, at the weekend. At stake is the survival of the ministry of sport. Sources in Moscow reveal that the postponement, ten days ago, of Samaranch's visit was manipulated by bureaucrats who were anxious to avoid Yeltsin meeting the IOC leader, to protect the ministry, and that Yeltsin's alleged illness was an invened countries. tion. Yeltsin implied as much

agreed to Samaranch's re-

quest for the establishment

of the former USSR National

Olympic Committee (NOCI

The struggle during the coming months leading up when telling Samaranch that these people had since been Sports colleagues close to Vitaly Smirnov, the senior IOC member of the former USSR, said that within the space of a week it was pos-sible to provide Yeltsin with the background to Olympic affairs. Ironically, without the USSR. this postponement. Yeltsin would probably not have

In an interview published this morning by Sovietski Sport, the world's largest sporting daily, with a circula tion of two million, Smirney. explains to the chief editor, Valeryi Kudriavtsev, that the national olympic committee is the competent and proper body to handle Olympic teams and administer Olympic sports; that this is not the job of a ministry of sport. This conflict is common throughout the world in most totalitarian or state-orientat-

to the Olympic Games in Barcelona, will be between Smirnov, now backed by Yeltsin, and Vasily Machuga chairman of the Russian republic's ministry of sport -the equivalent of the now defunct Gossport, ministry of

At present, Machuga's ministry, the official title of which is the "committee for the development of the

Olympic movement in Rus-

The agreement at the weekend between Yeltsin and Samaranch has pulled the rug from beneath the A second struggle will be

between Smirnov and Vladimir Vasin, president of a sec-NOC. This body had already applied to the IOC for recog nition, but now has no chance, as the executive board of the IOC will next ex-USSR NOC, under Smirnov and as approved by Yeltsin It is significant that no officials from Vasin's orgaccompanied him to the airport on his departure.

The key to the switch in rinciple, one that has existed since its inception under the direction of Stalin in the late 1940s—an all powerful sports ministry—was ac-cepted by Yeltsin during briefings last week. On the day that opposition was con-triving to keep Santaranch away from Moscow, Yeltsin was appointing Shamil Tarp-ischev, the president of the Russian Tennis Federation.

as his personal counsellor on

sport. Tarpischev, a wholly sports-orientated official: was able to put Yeitsin in the picture; and Samaranch was able to convince the Russian president he was well Smirnov's interview with

Sovietski Sport emphasises that the role of the ministry should be dealing with physical culture and grass roots sport outside the Olympic arena. There is the danger, of course, that the changes achieved by Samaranch at the weekend will survive only as long as Yeltsin sinvives. The present schedule for the IOC's executive board is to consider formal recogni-tion of NOCs from the 12 independent states of the Russian commonwealth, following a meeting of the presidents of those NOCs in Lausanne on March 9. Their recognition, as emphasised

when Samaranch met Yeltsin, is dependent on the acceptance by all of a com-Soviet Union for the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

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The 'corrupt' Tory press, by Roy

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Smile, you're on candid camera

Alan Hamilton meets Edward Mirzoeff, the man who spent a year filming the Queen for a television documentary, and reports on his spanshot of the sovereign

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Sir Waliam brought a refreshingly Australian approach to his post as door to Royal Firmily.

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is growing increasingly remote. ty and removed from the lives of the majority. More urgently, there was a need to win over the position of yet another English Prince of Wates on them at Caernarion. The royal family needed to be shown as real people

.. royal wedding, one dia attention on the private lives of

the Ritz, the Royal Green Jackets, Westminster school, and the memorable Metroland with the late Sir John Benjeman.

credits include documentaries on Harold Wilson turning up at the palace, bidding his sovereign good evening, but not much else.

ome small corners remained off-limits. We see Dr George Carey arriving for an audience on his archiepiscopal enthronement, but an arrival is all we see: the sovereign's discussions with her senior dergy remain strictly private.

Although he had been assured by the palace that his subject had agreed fully to co-operate while leaving him in full editorial control, Mr Mirzoeff was unsure of his relations with his sovereign until he was in a media scrummage in Bonn, trying to capture a few moments of conversation between the Queen and the president of Germany. "I had to do my own clapperboard, and in the melée I caught my finger in it — very painfully. The Queen looked at me with a huge smile and said: You'll have to do better than that I knew

lished a rapport." Rather less of a rapport was established with the American president while tracking his camera backwards ar a palace cocktail

director, a veteran BBC film foreign parts, reporting the iminfaker whose office is wallpapered minent collapse of the Soviet president Exit film
with Bafta awards and whose Union In Royal Family we saw

Endless familia president. Exit film crew. Endless familiar world faces flit

in and out of the picture - Mr Mandela, Mr Major, Mr Bush, M. Mitterrand, presidents of Italy, Germany and elsewhere, underlinmost travelled, and probably the a little sharper on others." best-known, hereditary head of state in history. But most of the film is shot closer to home; was that the leader of Her Majesty's Opposition and Glenys we saw sharing some after-dinner hilarity with their sov-

ereign in the library at Windsor? The overall impression left by the film is that the woman who tends to happy picture. An ITV series on wear a face of jowly Hanoverian the monarchy promised for the dourness on formal occasions is nothing of the kind. The Queen comes across as having an enormous sense of humour - she needs it in a job like that - a sharp wit and an ability to laugh a great deal, not least at herself. But most of all, a tremendous zest for the job, down to dealing personally with many of the letters from her subjects that pour into the palace from the eccentric, the sad, the frustrated and the

we had broken through and estab-Mr Mirzoeff, after a year at her shoulder, agrees. "She has the enthusiasm, and the love for her work, of a 25-year-old. In no way was any of it done for the benefit of party for G7 heads of government, the camera. It is hard not to be he trod heavily on George Bush's impressed by her enthusiasm, devo-

"The dour look you see in public is very misleading. She can give the impression of being bored; the absolute opposite is true. Of course, like everybody else, she has her ing the fact that Elizabeth II is the moods; she is bright on some days,

The star has matured into her role, and is far more at ease with it, than the rather stiff and uncomfortable central character in Royal Family. The film leaves endless questions unanswered, and a similar exercise undertaken 23 years hence might well portray a less

autumn is likely to be rather more searching, and other programmes have already nibbled at such questions as why so few royal household employees are from the

ethnic minorities. Elizabeth R is unlikely to loosen the beliefs of confirmed republicans in Britain, but the majority who still believe in the institution of monarchy will be much encouraged by the present incumbent's undiminished attachment to it. Like many a lesser post, monarchy is largely what the monarch makes it.

Elizabeth R will be shown on BBC1 on Thursday, February 6, at 8pm

So far and no further: Dr Carey is seen arriving for an audience on his enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury — but the Queen's discussions with him remain secre

Me and the Kia-Ora, alone at last

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way out of an emergency exit after watching half a reel of the film. But what is the alternative,

anyway, to going alone? It is to go with other people - and are you telling me this is preferable? How many times has one agreed, casually, "Hey, ler's do a movie!" only to discover that one's good friend Mike has never been properly cinema-trained? Me, I like to concentrate on the film; but for the universal Mike the cinema is a place where people are mysteriously quiet and sober-sided, where they have forgotten the value of voluble free association, and need to be reminded of it. He is a restless kind of guy, and charty. I mean, is this a fitneral, or what?

"Doesn't that bloke remind you of Phil?" he will chuckle loudly. briefly standing up to point at Mickey Rourke. I ignore him, of course, and bite my scarf, hoping that my explicitly hostile body language will tell him to shut up. It doesn't. "Remind me to tell you later what Phil said at lunchtime." he adds, with an exaggerated nudge to the ribs. "It was such a stream." He then performs a nonchalant spot of overhead juggling, using a Malteser, a carton of Kia-Ora, and a fully extended

On really bad days, moreover, it

transpires that Mike also suffers strange lapses of concentration. rendering him incapable of following plot. "What happened to the blonde gir?" he suddenly enquires, at a moment of maximum plot interest. "Lynne, what happened to the blonde girl? he repeats a little more loudly, thinking I haven't heard. "She died," I whisper back through clenched teeth, wishing I could too. "Really? When?" he asks. At which point I start to look around for the

manager. I suppose the tragic image of the single person in the cinema derives from the idea that they can't have any friends. Perhaps it is time for this assumption to be overturned - since it is more likely, in my opinion, that the lone cinemagoer is simply attempting to pre-serve the few friendships she has still got left. Personally I associate the plush seat and the bag of chews with nothing other than pleasure and freedom. For me, the really tragic aspect of cinemagoing is to hear people say, "Oh yes, I wanted to see JFK, but unfortunately I couldn't persuade anyone to come with me." That's

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THE COTTON CLUB: Stardust Productions B.V. brings its black-jazz musical revue to the West End, tollowing a Bintrah tour leat year. The musical lefts the story of the stars of the famous Cotton Club era, unterspersed with all the well-frown appearance in the stars of th congs from the Tharbee Harlem horspot ("Minnie the Moocher", "Am I Blue?"). American Billy Wilson directs Aldwyeh, The Aldword, London WC2 (071-836 6404), 7pm

THE MASTER AND MARGARITA: THE MASTER AND MARGARITA: With the Devil and his cat stalking around Moscow, Bulgatov's fantastic, sprawling novel poses problems for the adapter. The Company of Clarks takes up the challenge under the direction of Guy K. Retallack who successfully staged Bulgakov's han Vasiliench at the BAC recently. The cast includes Jonathon Coyle, Damien Dibber., Charles Good, and Leng Mallach. Charles Grant and Liam Halligan Preview tonight; opens tomorrow. Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hifl, SW11 (071-223 2223),

WALPURGIS NIGHT: A strong cast in Snoo Wilson's English version of the 1984 play by Erofeyev, set in a Moscow psychiatric hospital Directed by young Lithuanean director Dalla belinquptisite. Previews tonight and tomorrow; opens Friday ... Gate, 13 Pembridge Road, London W11 (071-229 (706), 7 30pm.

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA: Andraw Littor conductine prohestra in Beethoven's
'Pastoren' Symphony and Haydn's
Symphony No 92, in between which
the orchestra's principal oboe player.
Edward Kay, performs Vaughan
Williams's Oboe Concerto.
Weeseen Hall Ponde Arts Centre. Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222), 7.30pm.

E BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anousin's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarkel, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mori Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed,

THE CABINET MINISTER: Derek Nimmo and Maureen Lipman in a snob-bish, largely uniturely Pinero cornedy. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115), Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mais Wed Sat, 3pm. 150mms.

DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Briefi Children Award winning memory-play, set in 1930s Donegel. Garrick, Chenng Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sar, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sel, 4pm 150mlns

☐ A DYBBUK FOR TWO PEOPLE: Enuce Myers, Corinne Jaber play many roles in this Yddish tale of the supernatural, Accomplained, intense, Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, Spm. mat Sat, Apm 60msos, Final week

D AN EVENING WITH GARY

Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075), Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Sat, 6pm and 8 45pm 130mins. THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry Foster is obsessed with making an Irish millionaire (Tony Doyle) into the new Gigli in Tom Murphy's powerful fable. Almeids, Almeids Street, N1 (071-359) 4404). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

THE LITTLE CLAY CART: Disappointingly charmless version of what could have been an inspring glimpse of classical Indian theatre National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1

(071-928 2252), Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, 205mins ☐ ONCE A CATHOLIC: Welcome

NEW RELEASES

SLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12) Impersonal, machine-tooled, old-teshioned larce With Dudley Moore, Richard Griffiths, Patsy Kensil, Writer-director, Mark Herman. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DRIVING ME CRAZY (12): Arrogant brat and working-class steptather-in-waiting battle for supremacy on a cross-country journey Stale, unlikast comedy from John Hughes. With Ed O'Neill. Ethan Randall ns: Asker Street (071-935

♦ JFK (15) Ofiver Stone's

contentious, electrifying, three-hi drama about the Kennedy assessination. Kevin Costner as cruseding D.A. Jim Garnson; a bustling

chasding D.A., Jim Garnson; a Dusuing Supporting cast. Barbican (071-538 8891) Camden Parkway (071-527 7034) Camon Fulham Road (071-370 2638) Empire (071-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 8705) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332) MA NUIT CHEZ MAUD (12). Enc

MA NUIT CHEZ MAUD (12). Erc Rotmer's serious but seductive mo laie, made in 1969 Wiffi Jean-Louis Trintignant, Françoise Fabsan; plus much witty talls about philosophy. Renoir (071-837 8402) CURRENT

♦ THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG): Tasty least of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV epin-off from Charles Addams's macabre carlogns. Starring Cannon Chelses (071-352 5096) MGM

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BILLY BATHGATE (15) Hero-worshipping kid joins Dulch Schultz's gang in 1930s New York, Muffled,

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and inment compiled by Kari Knight

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Joan Bernard Pommer conducts the orchestra in Debussy's Printemps, Hummel's Trumpet Concerto in E flat Barlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051-708-3789), 7.30pm.

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELOS; long Brown conducts the players in works by Bach: the Brandenburg Concerts No 3 and Visite Brandenburg Concerts No 3 and Visite Brandenburg Concerto No 3 and Violin Concerto In E. together with Handel's Concerto Grosso In D. Op 6 No 5, and Brahms's String Quartet, Op 111. Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928-8800), 7,45pm.

COSt FAN TUTTE: Johannes Scheaf's 1989 production of Mozart's opera. returns as joyless as ever, despite the best efforts of the young Italian concluctor Carlo Rizza in the pit. The Royal Opera cast includes Margaret Marshall as Fiording, Diana Monlague as Dorabella, Kurt Streit as Ferrando, William Shimes as Guglielmo, Stafford Dean as Alfonso and Anne Howells as Royal Opera House, Coveri Gerden. London WC2 (071-240 1066/071-240

XERXES: Nicholas Hylnes's bright, clean production of Handel's Xerxes makes a triumphant return to the English National Opera repertoirs, revived by Julia Hollander. A strong cast is heeded by Arm Murray in the title

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available

Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000), Mon-Set, 8pm, mat Set,

ORPHANS: Gripping psychological thriller where a wealthy crook is kidnapped by two brothers: the RSC Finge at 1s best. Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Sirest, Brentford (081-568 1176) Tues-

PAINTING CHURCHES: Sián Philips (excellent) and Leslie Philips as an elderly Boston couple, Josie Lawrence their artistic daughter in a itly touching family play Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat,

CI PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller; tunes by Offenbach, Verdl and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Fn, 7.30pm,

THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI: Emphatically menscing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Travis's strong production of Brecht. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, tomonow, 7.15pm, mat tomonow, 2pm, 170mins. THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN:

Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Conb argues the case for brgamy. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2-30pm, 150mins ☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve

of West End Theatre 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8661) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

novel, Starring Dustin Hoffman, Loren Dean; director, Robert Benton Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Norting His Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914566) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

▲ COUPE OF VILLE (12), Three ♦ COUPE DE VILLE (12). Times warming brothers travel cross-country in a 1954 Cadillac. Breazy blend of road movie, male-bonding comedy, and 1960s nostigia. With Patrick Dempsey, Arye Gross, Daniel Stern, director, Joe Roth. Cannons; Fulham Road (071-370 2835) Tottenham Court Road (071-836 5148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

DELICATESSEN (15) French video whazakids Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bizarre fantasy about a houseful of terrants living above a carmibalistic butcher. Dominique Pinon, Mane-Laure Dougnac. Barbican (071-639 8991) Camons

Court Road (071-352 5095) Tottenham Court Road (071-535 6148) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757) Scree on the Hill (071-435 3366) DERSU UZALA (U). Revival of Kurosawa's haunting, elegiac film exploring human values in a Siberlan lorest 1975

ICA Cinema (07)-930 3647). ♠ FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15) Short-order cook (Al Pecino) count wary waitness (Michelle Pleifler) Synthetic adaptation of Terrance McNaffy's play Director, Garry Marshall

Marshall Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Futham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). LIEBESTRAUM (18): Mike Figgis's dark, with tale of love, death and cast-ron architecture, intodeating at first, but yawns creep in. Sterring Kevin Anderson, Pamela Golfey, Kim Novak Cannons: Fulliam Roed (071-370) role, with Yvonne Kenny as Romikls and Norman Balley as Ariodates. Ivor Botton conducts. Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7pm.

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TORI AMOS: The talented Amencal singer/sorigimater raises her profile here with her first British tour, beginning with two London concerts. Last week brought the release of a single,
"Chine", taken from her new album
Little Earthworks, which she will
perform on BBC1's Wogen lonight
Shaw Theetre, Euston Road, London Shaw Theatre, Euston Ro NW1 (071-388 1394), 7pm.

LUCIE RIE: A retrospective celebrating the 90th burthday of Britain's greatest living potter, Dame Lucie Rie She was born in Vienna, and the earliest works were made there, reflecting inhuence from the Bauhaus. Since she field to England in 1938 she tly at refining and riecting her severe and metic style, often virtually eschewing colours. However, some of her most recent pots are among the most colourful. Crafts Council Gallery, 44a Crafts Council Gallery, 44a Pentonville Road, London N1 (071-278 7700), Tuae-Sat, 11am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens Thurs until Apr 5.

ALISON LAMBERT: Classical art, especially sculpture, seems to be at the root of Lambert's work, which mostly takes the form of very large drawings in black and white. But the farm "drawing" hardly does justice to the complexity with which each place is built up, using collage and evita-heavy papers to produce an effect which is, in itself, almost sculptural. The vision and the leathnique are clatinictive. Long and Ryfe, 4 lelip Street, London SWT (071-834 1434). Mon-Fn. 10am-8pm, Sai, 11am-5pm, until Feb 29. ALISON LAMBERT: Classical art

of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines carnot disgulae the true rulatul Duke. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Fn, 6pm, Sat. 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat. 5pm. 130mins. ☐ SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS: Oown memory isne with the songs of Vivian Ellis: pleasantly English and all the lyrics are audible. King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1918), Tues-Sat, 8pm, mais Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 150mms.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planists in livesble tribute to Cole Porter's wit and very melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fn. Bpm, Sal. 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins.

☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES oldies Good fun Whitshall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Set, 6.15pm and 9pm, 120mins.

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LONG RUNNERS:

Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 9572).

Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044).

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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoet: Palladum (071-494 5037).

Me and My Glift: Adelphi (071-838 7511).

Bles Misérables: Palace (071-434 699).

Salgon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 500).

The Mousetrap:

St Martin's (071-836 1443).

The Phamtorn of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-894 500).

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Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . Z Starlight Express: Apollo Victona (071-826 8665) Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next Generation: Ambessedors (071-836 6111) . . . The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238). Ticket information supplied by Society

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Mike Leigh's

Premiere (071-439 4470).

about a North London lamily's ups and downs, Staming Alison Steadman, Double-billed with Riff-Raff.

LITTLE MAN TATE (PQ): How and how not to rear a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Hann Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie Foster) sasily offset the facilis

Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

MATADOR (18): Murder, high fashlon and anti-Catholic libes from the annitable Pedro Almodover; made in

1986 Assumpts Sams and Nacho Martinez as a thic lawyer and bull-lighter obsessed with love and death.

MERCI LA VIE (18): Time-hopping

adventures of two rampaging girls (Charlotte Gainsbourg, Anouk Grinberg) Strained variation on Bertrand Blief's first hit, Les

Camden Plaza (071-485 2443)

Chelses Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0691).

MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Indians

displaced from Liganda to Mississippi fret over race and young love. Sharp

Washington, Director, Mira Nair. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

photographs bring emotional complications, intriguing entertainment from new Australian

Hugo Weaving, Genevieve Picot Renoir (071-837 8402)

RIFF-RAFF (15), Welcome return of

TOTO THE HERO (15): اصلفاد

Curzon Mayfeir (071-465 8865)

ntiri-HAPP (13), Weldome return of Ken Loepf's inarvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portren of a building-site crew, voted "European Film of the Year". Double-billed with Life is Sweet. Premiere (071-439 4470).

absurdist comedy about youth, old age and life's disappointments from talented new Belgian director Jaco van

PROOF (15): A bfind man's

Metro (071-437 0757).

Dapper, relaxed and urbane, he fronted a five-piece band on Monday

Chicago that he is.

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Lonely hearts club man

THEATRE

Talking Heads Comedy

ALAN BENNETT had trouble satisfactorily filling the big, broad canvas of his Madness of George III, but there are few to march him when it comes to the subtler varieties of sketchbook portraiture. Talking Heads consists of three monologues originally seen on television, and at least two are collector's pieces. The late Joe Orton had an equally acute ear for the nuances of lower-middleclass gentility; but contempt lessened his objectivity and clouded his judgement. Bennett's blend of the deadly and the kindly, mockery and generos-

ity, is surely unique. Some may feel that he offers them too much knowing evocation of the minutiae of everyday life in Batley, Otley, Shipley or Leeds. Bennett's is a world where women with names such as Mrs Brunskill or Miss Trotter prissily gossip about the medical problems of men with names such as Mr Creswell or Mr Ridgwood. Yet thus he defines the horizons - social. mental, emotional - that hem in his people. He is the bard of respectable desolation, never more effective than in the playlet he wryly calls A Woman of No Importance.

Patricia Routledge plays Miss Scofield, whose private life begins and ends with chummy intimacies ("Pauline's mother's rash has infected her elbows") exchanged over lunch-

JAZZ/POP

Lou Rawis

Albert Hall

THE voice of Lou Rawls is one of the

most easily recognisable in popular music. Warm, resonant and in vig-

orous shape after more than three

decades of performing, it is uniquely attractive. But perhaps his very rich-

ness of tone has led us to see him in

too mellow a light, overlooking his

His hit records on this side of the

Atlantic, during the Seventies, were

identified with the fruitier end of

disco: "Lady Love", "You'll Never

Find" and "I'll See You When I Get

There". But although he still sings

them, they should not overshadow his

ability to spar with some of the most

demanding jazz instrumentalists and

to sing urban blues like the true son of

S.

ability to cross musical boundaries.



Gamely impervious: Patricia Routledge as Miss Scofield

time salads in the office canteen. "Oh, we did laugh" is her constant refrain; but it becomes increasingly hollow when the jokes are occurring in a doctor's surgery or before a serious operation or in what is presumably the terminal cancer ward. Before long she is slumped in a wheelchair, her face barely visible over the blanket.

at the Albert Hall. The excellence of

their musicianship must have

contributed to the cordiality. Jeff

Colella added synthesizer and organ

colourings to his intelligent piano

accompaniment: Omaje Murray, on

vibraphone, congas and other percus-

sion, was not audible as often as he

ought to have been. Ken Elliot on

drums (exemplary brushwork) and

Curtis Robertson Jr on bass guitar

were notable for the way in which

their skills were selflessly applied to

the smooth delivery of the songs,

player was David T. Walker, on

guitar, whose professorial appear-

ance belied the gut-bucket tones and

string-scrubbing playing style he em-

ployed to such good effect. The headliner offered him frequent

opportunities to flesh out the obvi-

ously well established arrangements.

The Legendary Lou Rawls, the star

covered all the musical bases. From

the frankly sentimental medley of

"The Way You Look Tonight", "Wil-

As on his new retrospective album?

The most prominently featured

rather than solo displays.

like the half-buried Winnie in Becken's Happy Days; and, like Winnie, she remains impervious to her circumstances. "Sister was

pleased, she said I'd fetched up more

phlegm than anyone else on the ward": funny, and not at all funny. Routledge plays the piece beautifully, injecting tiny hints of petulance

BENEDICT NICHTINGALE

low Weep For Me", "It Never Entered My Mind" and "We'll Be Together Again", to the high-kicking swagge of "Fine Brown Frame", and the final encore of "Hoochie Coochie Man", Rawls was always superbly in control In measured and moving accounts of Unforgettable", "St James Infirmary", "Don't Let Me Be Mis-understood", "Tobacco Road" and "Bring It On Home To Me" (he was a session singer on the Sam Cooke recording), he did not miss a beat or make a false move. -

Riding the rhythms, deploying a verbal facility which can be seen as spanning the gap between "vout" and "rap", and in his vocal improvisation the entertaining equal of anyone from Betty Carter to Bobby McFerrin, the singer seemed to be challenging the audience and his ruefully mentioned record companies to decide where his talents are best applied: jazz, rhythm 'n' blues, standard ballads or pop. Never mind the category, simply enjoy the sound.

TONY PATRICK



Lou Rawls: dapper song stylist

CONCERT

St Matthew Passion Festival Hall

ONE of the most positive musical developments of the past decade has been the spread of period-instrument practice into the way symphony orchestras play Bach, Haydn and Mozart: positive both in showing that the 18th century need not be a closed book to what are still the great central performing ensembles, and also in insisting that there is more to authenticity than gut strings and boxwood oboes. It is a development to which both sides have contributed: specialists like Roger Norrington, Frans Brüggen and Nikolaus Harnoncourt in their work with the Philharmonia or the Concertgebouw, and generalists like Simon Rattle in performing Haydn with his own Birmingham orchestra or with the London Philharmonic, Last Saturday another step was taken by the LPO in a remarkable performance of the St Matthew Passion under its music director Franz Welser-Möst. What was perhaps most obviously

remarkable was the speed - under two-and-a-half hours for the entire work - but then not so much the speed itself as the way it was attained and what it meant, in a short interview printed in the programme, Welser-Most spoke of making "the whole piece . . . one big wave", which is a fair description of what he achieved, except that he did not so

with the thrust coming from within the music.

The effective placing of the speed, then, was more important than zipping along: making the tempo the source of the music rather than something to be applied to a neutral spatial structure. This, surely, is a lesson that has come out of the 18thcentury orchestras, for last Saturday's performance had a similar kind of athletic looseness and buoyancy, with at the same time an onrush, a pace kept up in each number right to the double bar, and then beyond, except where a giant cadence comes as a buffer to stop the engine and send a jolt through the last few bars as they hurtle towards a close. The result was not an orderly

sequence of monuments, of arias and chorales set in a desert of recitative. but indeed of something whole and in motion. And partly that must have been because the recitative was not just setting up what came next but necessitating it. Every recitative had Welser-Möst maintaining a beat, the engine readying itself; it also helped that Kurt Azesberger was such an alive Evangelist, using rhythm and register to intense and often poignant purpose, to make this a fluent. coloured, human narrative.

The light texture and the agility of the performance also owed much to the singing of the Mozart Choir from Welser-Most's home town of Linz. Whether or not this large-scale import was intended to show the London Philharmonic Choir what it should be aiming for, the sound was- un-

much "make" it a wave as let it be one; commonly fresh and immediate, the if to some extent that was because the men of this young choir were far less andible than the women.

A useful lightness came, too, from the other soloists, even from Jeffrey Black, a Jesus of baritone colour, with his dignity more earned than stated. The four aria singers improved as the performance went on, as if respondng to the spreading success. John Mark Ainsley was not at his most appealing, and Olaf Bar hit his stride. wonderfully, only in his last aria, but Lynne Dawson was bright, clear and devy, and Anne Sofie von Otter gave a marvellous spring-cleaning to "Erbarme dich", displacing the sentimentality in favour of pure. simple flow.

Of course the tempo was important here, and the luminosity of the orchestral playing, and especially the spectacular, breathtaking grace and ease of the violin obbligato played by Maciej Rakowski. Elsewhere in the performance there may have been occasional problems (the viola da gamba did not speak well, and this may be one area of resistance in the project of authentic-symphonic Bach), but the brilliance of this movement will be remembered as a talisman, along with the flowing, unsolemn bass all through, and such choice pleasures as the staccato dabs of oboes, chamber organ and strings together, or the long lines made by the pairs of oboes alone. There was something new in the air.

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as Graham, a middle-aged child

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For the first time, her busybodying becomes constructive and wins her friends. This conclusion owes less to probability than to the author's desire to make an itonic point; but it still sums up the evening. What must everyday loneliness he like in Bennett country when Holloway stands for freedom and fun?

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PROFILE

Double debut for a classiess sentimentalist

Frances Barber, at the National Theatre for the first time, talks to Matt Wolf about her roles in Tennessee Williams's The Night of the Iguana and George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion

hese days. Frances Bar-ber's diary is brimming with work but since when has it been otherwise? Over much of the past decade, the dark-haired. livewire actress has been a frequent presence on stage, television and film. Her 1984 Royal Shakespeare Company engagement as the consumptive Marguerite in Pam Gems's Camille, one of three plays she acted that season in repertury, went on to give her top billing in its West End transfer. Then she followed that achievement with major roles. in A Zed and Two Noughts, Peter Greenaway's cinematic essay in zoological rot, and in Stephen Frears's Sammy and Rosie Get Laid. playing the fleshpot Rosie.

That surely should have been an open invitation to Hollywood, but such attention has yet to be paid. Instead, Barber, now 33, is making an overdue debut at the National Theatre, appearing - typically - not in one role but two

"I find it hard to turn things down," Barber says, during a lunch break from rehearsing Tennessee Williams's The Night of the Iguana, in which she inherits Bette Davis's 1961 role as the blowsy hotel owner. Maxine. (Ava Gardner played the part in John Huston's 1964 film.) "Coming from a working-class background. l always fear I won't be offered anything else, and that never seems to leave me. I feel as if I get a bit woolly, and a bit lethargic, if I'm not very busy."

Not long after Iguana opens, Barber re-enters rehearsals at the National, this time playing Eliza Doolittle to Alan Howard's Iggins in Howard Davies's production of Pygmalion. A case of repertory chalk and cheese? Barber isn't sure.

"Yes, the two parts are completey different: I couldn't have a more diverse programme," she says. comparing Shaw's gradually refined cockney to Williams's brassily. sensual young widow. "But then again. Maxine is guileless and vulgar, and Eliza is guileless and vulgar at the start," she continues, finding similarities where first she found differences. "Maxine is shrewd, Eliza is shrewd, and she turns into somebody with a great

sense of what is morally right."
Maxine marks Barber's second experience of Williams, following a 1987 stage run at the Leicester Haymarket as Alma Winemiller in Summer and Smoke; it is an actorwriter partnership on which she thrives. "I love Williams," she says, aware that not all her countrymen

feel the same.
"I think English people on the whole still have a problem with Williams. He probably appears sentimental and you know how we don't like that. It's ugly and crude: we prefer cynicism. He is a great sentimentalist, but what's wrong with that? English audiences find that genuinely embarrassing because everybody does wear their emotions right on their sleeve. With

'If you grew up without books and you enter a world full of literature, art and music, it's not possible *not* to feel this gulf'

Maxine, there's no subterfuge: she's the least subtle character I've ever played.

"The way he writes for women!" continues Barber, whose other stage roles have ranged from Viola in a Kenneth Branagh-directed Twelfth Night to new plays by Terry Johnson Umagine Drowning) and Clare McIntyre (My Heart's a Suitoase) at the Hampstead and the Royal Court, respectively. "More than Shakespeare Williams has such empathy, and he makes his women, people like Hannah [played at the National by Eileen Atkins, who would be regarded as a Nantucket spinster by another playwright, sexy, passionate, warm and wise, and all of those things in the most unlikely character. Then, as you begin to understand, you think, yes, that's what women are like. It's not that

they fall in to one of two categories - no bosoms or big bosoms. They're all sorts of things."

Consider Maxine, for example. An image of the flesh set against Hannah's embodiment of the spirit, the character offers a surprising voice of cool in Williams's sweaty Mexican hothouse. "It's Maxine's pragmatism," says Barber, "which Williams had a great dose of, that says. We've got to settle for something: we've got to settle for this'.
"We're not prepared for a life full

of trials and tribulations - of bereavements, disappointments and when it hits you in the face. people do fall apart. He's suggesting it's part of your duty to endure, and then enjoy the moments that aren't so difficult."

Eliza Doolittle strikes an even more resonant chord, since her education in many ways parallels Barber's own. "She says to Higgins, You brought me out of that life and it's your responsibility, so don't you dare be so cruel as to send me back' Now I particularly empathise with that because coming from a council estate, you can't ever go back to what you were when you were pushed out into the world.

"Once you've been educated and moved on and learnt to understand wine lists and French restaurants, it would be patronising to pretend you didn't have all that. If you grew up as I did in a world where there aren't any books and you then enter a world full of literature and art and music, it's not possible not to feel this huge gulf between where you began and where you are."

arber grew up, the fourth of seven children, on a Wolverhampton estate: her father was a bookmaker and her mother, who died last year, a school cook. While some working-class parents can resent their children's efforts towards selfimprovement. Barber's lent only encouragemen

They urged and pushed me into moving away; they wanted me to go," she recalls. "Almost as I was born, I was urged 'to better' myself. What they underestimated or perhaps never realised was how then

that gulf would emerge.
"It was hard at first but these



Frances Barber on her childhood: "Almost as I was born, I was urged to better myself."

days it's much easier, because-I feel less emotional about it: I can detach myself a little more, and they have grown used to the fact that it can't ever be as it was." It helps, too, as she points out, that her move through society has been shared by most of her siblings "to some degree or other". One brother

director of a company. Barber, though, remains the only family member to have chosen a life in the arts, having read English and drama at Bangor. "It was the obvious thing from before I ever went away," she says. "At school it was the one thing I felt I could show off at, and in all the school productions and poetry readings, I was always showing off.

"I loved the literature of drama as well as performing it so it wasn't a surprise to anybody, and certainly not to me. I think I was bloody lucky, but that's something else: whether it's fate or character.

class issues cut too close to the bone not to personalise a work such as Pygmalion. "Most actresses, playing Eliza, breathe a sigh of relief at the middle-class passages when they can finally speak in the way they do, even though for her it was always a struggle and when she

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"I'm not suggesting for a moment I have to remind myself how to speak now; I don't, and I'm going to have trouble with the cockney because that's not what I am. Even so, I won't feel relief at the middle-class sections, since I have to work on those as well. That's about the only thing" says, without a trace of false modesty, "that I have on my side."

● The Night of the Iguana is previewing at the Lyttelton (071-928-2252) from Friday and opens on February 6. Pygmalion begins previews at the Olivier (071-928 2252) on April 3 and opens on April 9

TELEVISION REVIEW

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ARTS BRIEF

Short roll

BRADFORD may seem an unlikely place in which to premiere a big new film. But the Rolling Stones' new mov-ie At The Max has been shot in the new giant Imax format, and there is only one cinema screen in Britain large enough to show it: at the National Museum of Photography. Film and Television in the Yorkshire town. It

opens there on February 14. Meanwhile, the speculation continues over whether bass-guitarist and oldest member Bill Wyman will remain in the Rolling Stones. If he does decide to leave the group, singer Mick Jagger has joked that he will take over on bass. "I will do it myself," he is reported as saying. "How hard can it be?"

House party

PREVIEWS start on March II for what will surely be the most star-studded theatre production in the West End this season. It is Trevor Nunn's new staging of Heartbreak House, with a cast including Paul Scofield as Captain Shotover, Vanessa Redgrave as Hesione Hushabye, Felicity Kendal. Daniel Massey, Imogen Stubbs, David Calder, Oliver

Ford Davies and Joe Melia. This illustrious gathering will be sharpening the show at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford for ten days from February 26, before the producer Duncan Weldon brings them into the Theatre Royal, Haymarket.

Last chance...

THE sunniest of all ballets must be La Fille mal gardèe, Frederick Ashton's inspired reinterpretation of a story that has lived on stage since 1789. Its appeal lies in the way it combines theatrical tradition (including the robust humour of the old English music-halls) with eternal human feelings, true romance with wild comedy. This season's last performances by the Royal Ballet are at Covent Garden (071-240 1066) this weekend, with Viviana Durante and Tetsuya Kumakawa in the lead roles on Friday, Fiona Chadwick and Irek Mukhamedov on saturday evening

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OPERA

English National Opera has a new production of

Humperdinck's Königskinder. Hilary Finch tells the story behind it

n 1986 the curtain rose at the Wexford Festival on an operatic ratity which was to send critics into a space of superlatives. Its word-setting, they said, was as subtle as Strauss; there were shades of *Lohengrin* and Parsifal and enough Nietzsche between the lines to feed a fistful of doctorates. "Can we afford to ignore music of such extraordinary beauty? asked Opera magazine. This was Humperdinck's "other opera": not "the comparativehomesoun Hansel and Gretel" as the intoxicated punters now viewed his materpiece, but Königskinder, or The Prince and the Goosegirl, a darker tale by

Developed from a germ of Grimm, it had been fed on such staple nutrients of the German folk soul as the poisoned loaf, the Beggar, the Woodcuster and the Spiel-man, or Minstrel: the figure of Music itself. Puccini had written a letter wishing well its New York Met premiere in 1910: Königskinder replied by apparently eclipsing a contemporaneous run of La

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Humperdinck's Königskinder at the New York Metropolitan Opera

fancialla del West with Caruso and Toscanini, and being pronounced the most important opera since Parsifal.

What few members of ei-ther the New York or the Wexford audience may have known was that behind the opera lay a melodrama, also by Humperdinck, which had pioneered the use of Sprechgesang (a vocal technique between speech and song) 15 years before Schoenberg's Pierrot Lu-naire. And that behind the melodrama was the shadowy figure of a writer called

Ernst Rosmer". Rosmer, who wrote the experimental play from which the libretto of Königskinder was born, was in fact Elsa Bernstein. She was a turn-of-the-century German writer - an Ibsenite and protegee of the Wagners - who played a lively part in the artistic circles around Strauss. Hofmannsthal, Thomas Mann and Rilke. the was the literary hostess of Munich. Bernstein and her sister fell foul of the Nazi race laws and were sent to the concentration camp at Theresienstadt. Her sister did not

survived and died in Hamburg in 1949 at the age of 80. Peter Skrine, professor of German at Bristol University, who is writing a book about Bernstein, sees in her plays (Wir drei, Dammerung, Konigskinder. Nausikaa)

return: Elsa, miraculously,

the work of a neglected neo-Romantic to be reckoned with, one whose "dramas of the unspoken" reflect the contemporary desire to rediscover consciously inner spiritual muths which past ages experienced subconsciously. Nicholas John, English National Opera's dramaturge. sees references to the Symbolists and Pelléas in France, to the Celtic twilight and Yeats in Britain, to the canvases of Böcklin and Munch.

umperdinck came on the scene because he was working with Wagner on Parsifal at the same time as Bernstein's father was stage manager at Bayreuth. After the success of Hansel and Gretel, he asked Humperdinck to provide the music for his daughter's new play, Königskinder. The composer took two years over it, and in the process created a unique way of setting words, with rhythm and pitch indi-cations for the actors to aim at. The melodrama was acclaimed at the Royal Court in 1897 with Cissie Loftus as the Goosegirl and Dion Boucicault as Prince and director.

When a new opera was needed for the Met 13 years later. Humperdinck simply reworked a piece to which he was particularly attached. It has been Nicholas Jöhn's and David Pountney's task to disentangle the complex prosody of both versions and ENO's new production, which opens tomorrow. Some have alleged that

Humperdinck's revised libretto cuts out all the sexual and psychological subtext of Rosmer's original. Nicholas John disagrees. "In comparing the two, line by line, it became clear to us that the operatic text is just a skilful reduction, and in no way removes the work's erotic overtones." Königskinder as melodrama appeared in 1897: Freud's Interpretation of Dreams was published in 1899. Königskinder as opera was premiered in 1910: Freud's Theory of the Subconscious emerged in 1912.

Just the sort of thing that ENO, under Perer Jonas's management, continues to find irresistible. "It was Peter's great passion for Hum-perdinck which made it happen. says John. But Pountney promises not to do an excessively symbolic pro-duction of what is also a strongly narrative piece. Whatever levels of the subconscious may or may not be reached, Königskinder will be a fitting swansong for Jonas, before he goes to Munich, doubtless one day to realise the definitive Königskinder on its home ground.

■ Königskinder or . The Prince and the Goosegirl opens tomor-row at the Coliseum, St Martin's Lane. London WC2 (071-836 3161). at 7.30pm.

There is anniversary television all around us. They love a date, do the television lolk, they slaver over all that archive footage intercut with talking heads looking back, very often explaining to us which of their last six mistakes seemed like a good idea at the time. The test is whether

the device tells us anything new and the test is often out to cheer, Bloody Sunday mmeasurably harmed the Last night a BBC 1 Inside Story special half passed. Remember Bloody Sunday army's reputation and appears to have driven many Catholic youths into the arms of the IRA. looked back at a watershed Those are the facts, insofar as anything can be said to be factual in a context where all

in the unhappy affairs of Northern Ireland, the last Sunday in January 1972 when paratroopers went in statements are propaganda and all propaganda is sus-pect. Inside Story told us little that was strictly new, but it did do something to the Bogside district of Londonderry (as the Unionists call it), or Derry (as it is to the Republicans). By the end of what had begun as a civil rights march, 13 people were dead, killed by army bullets.

A tragedy, then, At best, if that is the word, three or four important in providing for the first time, evidence from the soldiers' own lips that this was a sorry affair.

of the dead were armed. At worst, none of them were. If there is a fate worse than death, then the effect that Bloody Sunday had on Ulster is that fate. Whereas the arrival of troops in 1969 had brought the Catholic communities, at least in Belfast,

civil rights march? Or was

ing them in?

sniper, yet the trooper never so much as cracked the

flimsy.

And yet ... this is surely a rule prevailed. Clearly this had to stop. The Parachute Regiment.

multiple wrongs that just the excuse for send-

> nswer comes there none. But a company A sergeant major spoke compellingly of chaos once the troops went in, of a lack of discipline, of (by implication) wild shooting. He told of one trooper who fired 13 rounds at a window behind which he claimed there was a window's glass. Above all, the evidence that the army was fired upon before it fired is

civil war. I have been in Nicaragua and El Salvador and, briefly, in Beirut, and there is a truism about all such conflicts, which is that if you set foot on the street

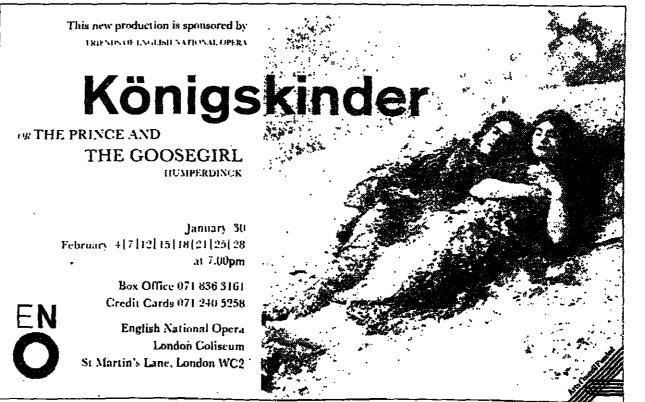
place you are taking a great risk. This does not excuse indiscipline but there was a riot in the Bogside that day, a peaceful march partially hi-jacked by the forces of evil, as such marches so often are. There was also, on the face

where the conflict is taking

of it, evil behaviour by the British. A teenage boy, wounded, is being taken to hospital in a car. An army patrol stops the car and diverts it to a barracks, where the boy is, allegedly, treated. He dies and when photo-graphs of his body are proiced there are nail bombs in his pockets. The people who put him in the car had first searched him for identification. They found neither identification nor nail

The man who told this anecdote was not then active in the IRA but later joined it because of what happened on Bloody Sunday. There is no excuse for the army's excesses, but neither are such excesses excuse to join a terrorist organisation. Bloody Sunday was a shameful episode, but two wrongs do not make a right.

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A heroine for

The new director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, will launch a handbook for country campaigners

local heroes

hen a group of con-cerned lovers of the countryside united in 1926 to stem the unchecked flow of new houses on roads leading out of towns and cities, they showed a vision of the environment years ahead of its time.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England, 65 years later, remains unafraid of breaking new ground. Its newly-appointed director is at 33, the youngest person to hold the post.

Fiona Reynolds takes over this independent lobbying group when grassroots support is at its strongest yet, with 46.000 members alarmed at the destruction of English rural landscapes.

Among those who will grow up with 20th-century environmental legacies is Alice, her 14-month-old daughter. For Alice and her brother or sister, due at the end of March, Ms Reynolds wants the countryside to still feel like the countryside when they are able to visit it from their north London, home.

'l want them to go to Devon and feel that it is different from Norfolk or Northumberland, Somebody asked me why we decided to have children, as I was so

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you're just a big softy at heart.

an expression of optimism and a belief that there is a future she is going to be part of. You have to believe in the future to do the work we do." Ms Reynolds was brought

up in Warwickshire. She gained a first in geography and land economy at Cambridge, and has been with the council since 1987, lately as assistant director. Previously she worked for the Council for National Parks, and admits to a hankering to escape from London often. Last summer she and Bob Mertill, her husband, strode across Snowdonia, Alice in a harness on her father's back.

To be merely pessimistic over the destruction of hedgerows and ancient woodland, the forays of developers into the green belt and the impact of the car and new roads, would be too easy. Environ-mental difficulties grow each year, but the council has had some significant influence.

Members inspired the first official discussions on setting up national parks. More recently, tax incentives for people planting destructive coniferous forests were changed after a council campaign. Its criticism of the common agricultural policy is being listened to at last. Ms

grassroots level, to stop members from feeling that there is nothing they can do to stop the steamrollers of big business or unsympathetic civil

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In March she is launching a booklet giving advice on how to campaign against local plans which may ruin rural landscapes.

Focusing on local and national matters as part of a global environmental perspective is a theme close to her heart. Conscious of the United Nations conference on environment and development, to be held in Brazil in June, Ms Reynolds thinks Britain needs to clean up its own act before other countries will listen to it telling them what to do.

"What price the tropical rainforests if we can't even protect our own hedgerows?" she says. "You can't just say we will reduce carbon dioxide emissions unless you have policies at local level to sup-port that. We find the present government's policy on this unacceptable. And the EC is making more and more economic and environmental policy. We want to be in there. influencing it.

"You should not see countryside considerations as a

he council, which has a duke, several lords, sirs and retired colonels in its ranks, has been criticised for preserving the countryside for the well-off by objecting to buildings which could provide employment and cheap homes in villages. Ms Reynolds refutes this:

We have never tried to stop development and change, but to guide it in a positive way. We probably say 'yes' more than we say 'no'. She admits to believing

that the council was brave to appoint her, although her maternity leave will be short
- six to eight weeks if all goes well - and she intends to be in touch during that time. "I am very conscious of the

thist they have nut in me. I am comfortable with having full-time child care and w ing in an intensive way as I do. I find it very rewarding."

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Is Britain ready for her wares? Buxom blonde bimbettes are absent from Candida Royalle's films, and breast implants are 'politically incorrect'

Sex without the leers

Royalle you would think she was a high-flyer in the advertising world. Creative, funny and uncommonly articu-late, she speaks honestly and with great authority on pornography, a subject that invites hushed whispers and embarrassment from most

Her ability to cross the cultural and moral divide has enabled her to dominate the growing market in America for sexually explicit films made by women, for women and couples. With the women's movement, the effects of Aids and the advent of home video. Ms Royalle has picked her niche well.

Just how successfully she has done this, the British may soon be able to judge for themselves. On February 10, celebrate Valentine's

Candida Royalle says her American 'porn again' movies do not exploit their stars. Rene Riley-Adams reports

day", Ms Royalle hopes that two sex videos on her Femme label will go on sale for £12.99 at high street stores.

The videos are explicit by British standards, but are more discreet than the versions on sale in America and come from quite a different perspective than the average ue movie.

Before Femme was created in 1984 the blue movie business in America consisted for the most part of crude and predictable male-orientated films, featuring weak or nonexistent storylines.

Femme boast about \$50-60.000 higher than the average sex video and tries to provide, Ms Royalle claims, something that couples and women can use to enhance relationships.

The buxom blonde bimbette is absent from Ms Royalle's films. Most of her actresses have, in fact, quite small breasts and not every curve is always firm. Breast implants are considered politically incorrect and she often employs older women and men from all walks of life. One film, called *Three* Daughters, contains in its female cast a 50-year-old, a medical student and a law

Ms Royalle's intention in her films is to focus on sensuality rather than sex. "We've seen enough of the obvious," she says. "We all know where it goes and we all know where it ends up. We really don't need any more lessons on that." The roots of this philosophy lie in Ms Royalle's background.

At 41. Candida Royalle, née Candice Vadala, has starred in 25 X-rated films and, in her late twenties was a well-known face in the glamour industry.

After several years of working in New York and studying at the Parson's school of Design and City College of New York, she struck out on her own to perform in San Francisco. She acted, sang in jazz clubs (she sings on four of her seven tapes), posed nude for art classes and started into

light glamour or "cheese-cake" modelling. When a director first suggested she try porn films, she was shocked at the idea and stormed out. A few weeks later, however,

she was back in the director's studio, with some friends who were curious to see what porn was all about and take advantage of the wages - up to \$1,000 a day.

To hear her speak about: her life on the screen you would think it was no more unusual than if she'd gone she appears unfazed by the experience but she admits to having undergone seven years of therapy to sort out her feelings about it all.

Even this period she man-aged to turn to her advantage. She went on to analyse her past with her therapist and with other porn stars who were also wondering what the next step was.

Almost ten years ago. Ms Royalle and seven other "bad girls" started their own support group. Recently she has invited her colleagues on to the set to produce erotica under the Femme label.

There are a lot of people who have performed in the industry and then get out and bitch and moan about it." says Gloria Leonard, also a former porn star who now produces her own films. "But Candida is actually putting her money and talent towards

Ms Royalle is planning to move from video to fulllength feature films for the adult market. She is now approaching investors with a newly-hired producer, Ted than 20 years' experience in non-adult film and has crisscrossed the globe several times making documentaries for the United Nations.

Femme has already expanded into Australia, Japan, Holland and Scandinavia, as well as some of the eastern European countries: Ms Royalle has thought about breaking into the British market for quite some-time. but says it was a matter of finding the right company to handle her product.

"In England it would have been very easy for me to sell my films to a porno company.: who would stick it in the adult shops and after a couple of months it would be history. But you don't get any money for that and I just couldn't do that to my work."

Her British distribution company, M.I.A., has been marketing "glamour" titles for 18 months now and is best-known for its Sunset Strip label and the recent hit Muscle Motion, which features the Chippendales, the male beefcake dancing team. doing buttock exercises to the William Tell overture.

or women, the Femme message is that it is OK to have sex, to talk about it with a partner, and to share tantasies and insecurities. In Sensual Escape the actors' thoughts about sex are broached using voice-overs: he worries about when to introduce the subject of safe sex; she wonders if he will notice the stretch marks on her breasts.

Ms Royalle also believes in ringing reality to her films by, whenever possible, employing couples who are partners in real life. "I am very careful about the kind of people I use." she says. "If a guy calls me up and says, 'hey, I'm a real stud', then I

know that he's not for me."

Some of the actors still look like porn stars, and some of the dialogue is still quite trite, but Ms Royalle's sex scenes are inventive without being over the top and her characters seem to have a sense of humour. Women are not

treated as sex objects. That the tapes are indeed made on much smaller budgets than the kind of love stories found in big screen cinemas is still obvious, but on the whole. I think Ms Royalie achieves her goal Her videos excite without creating guilt or shame.

Britain could well be in for a flood of American adult films. "We're seeing American pornographers moving their material to Europe because of the amazing heat they're getting from the justice department here," says Gene Malpas, a senior attorney for the National Coalition Against Pornography, based

in Washington, DC.
Though Ms Royalle's films have found their place in the United States, where they are unrated and sell by mail order, it is uncertain how they will be received in Britain. The adult film industry in Britain is a tough one to

Steve Hughes, the director of Electric Video. Britain's largest producer of original adult titles, estimates that the sex video industry is worth some £30 million a year in sales. In a recent British poll. however, only I per cent of those asked admitted to hiring:sex videos.

În America last year 69 per cent of all video outlets carried X-rated films, with single women and couple hiring 44 per cent of all adult

"I think the British people are really ready for the kind of thing I'm doing. Ms Royalle says. "My theory is that the more you my to suppress your sexuality the raunchier you become and then it all kind of comes outsideways — you just can't suppress a life force."

Cutting ahead of the others

MANWATCHING

What goes on, and comes off, in the Savoy

barber's shop

ny serious anthropological study of man in his natural habitat ought to begin at the top and work meticulously down, so it was only right that this investigation should commence in the barber's shop of the Savoy Hotel. There, I had heard many of the great male thinkers of our time and those referred to as "movers and shakers" had their hair cut; indeed it was even said that customers included Melvyn

Bragg. What better way to understand those eminent minds than through the microcosm of their coiffure?

Breath bated, I negotiated the art deco revolving entrance of the Savoy and headed for the "Residents Only" sign, intended to keep

riff-raff such as myself away. A gentleman's barber's, I hoped, would provide an ascetic experience for the customer. I would witness the rough kiss of the cutthroat razor and the sight of strong men wincing as the electric clippers nicked their necks. Battle-scarred regulars would queue beneath 1950s condom advertisements, reading the motor section of Ex-

How wrong can you be? The opaque glass door, flagged Michael at the Savoy Gentleman's hairdressing salon. Riven with disappointment at the effeminate tone, I

change & Mart.

entered the sanctum. George and Ian, the barbers, were busy lopping, and it was indicated that I should consult the beautician. The beautician? A clearly female person in a white coat started talking about how men are going in for facials in a big way. cleansing, peeling, and massaging with a bit of

Decleor Baume Essentiel. I allowed my mouth to hang open. The white coattook this as a sign to continue. Did the readers know about back v axing? Yes. men, too, could have those unsightly

hairs removed, and really the hot wax and the rip-off strips were rather pleasant once you were used to them. Of course she had done chests, but not at the Savoy.

What sort of wimps was she dealing with? Here was the chosen barber of half London's judges, a spattering of front bench MPs and minor royalty, advocating facial electrolysis and worse. George-the-barber, a Cypriot in the trade for 30 years. explained that times had indeed changed.

He drew some comfort from the fact that many gentlemen still relied on the same hair tonics that were around when he started. We examined the Savoy's own range, including Auressa Cream and Blue Brilliantine. He also revealed, as I had long suspected, that Pantene Vitamin Hair Tonic and the ratty-smelling Eau de Portu-gal did absolutely nothing for thinning hair other than to

erease it up. Once we had touched on the delicate subject of baldness, there was no holding back. The Savoy customers, said George, were the sort who would joke it off, but he

had, in his time, seen acts of desperation. This confirmed my theory that men worry secretly and obsessively about their hair in precisely the same way women worry about the size of their breasts – you can never have

enough. George had heard of men who had rings pierced into the skin of their heads in order to anchor the new clipon toupees. An advance on double sided sticky tape-Then the manageress exploded another of one of life's great mysteries - how the Robert Robinsons of this world maintain the part and spread technique in high winds. Tenax, a French preparation, was the answer. It stuck my fingers together

permanently. Sympathy began to well up inside me for the gents forced to undergo such daily torture. and I thought sadly of secret caches at the back of the bathroom cabinet of restorative preparations. Preocuipied. I headed for the door. noting that George failed to wink at me and ask "Will

there be anything else. Sir?"

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Are the Women of war at peace?

A year ago, women soldiers were sent to the Gulf. Kate Muir reports on their adjustment to death, separation and guilt

he face that symbolised the woman soldier in the Gulf war was that of the mother in camouflage, with a badge of her baby daughter pinned to her helmet. It appeared this time last year in many British and American newspapers when the air war was at its height, and the ground offensive a few weeks away. No one needed to interview the soldier-mother

Now, amid the television beano of Gulf anniversary specials. the 34,000 female soldiers deployed continue to be seen but not heard. Yet they have also had to come to terms with the death, separation and guilt, as well as the more positive aspects

The conflict's mostpictured woman is to teaching in North Dakota. Captain JoAnn Conley is in the United States National Guard reserve force, and has returned to civilian life after nine

months in charge of the water depot which supplied most of the American desert troops. The subject of the badge

Stephanie, aged three - is living at home again, after months of being shuttled between her divorced father and grandparents. It is clear, despite the stress of Scud attacks and the sight of Iraqi corpses, that the worst part of Captain Conley's war was separation from her daughter. Because of her age, it was impossible to communicate by letter, so her mother relied on rare phone calls.

'She'd come to the phone and say: 'Mommy, you're in Saudi Arabia. Is that far. far away? Can 1 come and see you?', and I just wouldn't be able to answer I felt so bad. Nine months was entirely too long." she says.

When Capi Conley returned, Stephanie followed her constantly, in fear that her mother would leave again. "For six weeks, I did not go to the bathroom alone. But I needed her too." She assumed that a young child might be less traumatised than an older one, who understood what war meant. but recently when she told her daughter she was going out to make a speech about her Gulf experiences, the child burst into

At 29, leaving a child behind and then being responsible for 145 soldiers in the Gulf under missile fire was quite a strain. She also saw at first hand, as the water tankers followed the frontline troops into Kuwait, the miles of burnt-out, mangled vehicles and blackened bodies which littered the strafed Basra road leading from the city.

At first when Capt Conley came back, people in the small town of Cavalier recognised her, and doz-

Last year: JoAnn Conley with her Stephanie badge

ens came up to ask her if she was

"I always thought that was a

stupid question. They meant well,

but I wanted privacy. For the first

three months I couldn't talk about

it - only dream about it. My

stomach would go into a knot and

I wanted to throw up, I was so

terrified. somehow, that they

Such feelings are typical of both

men and women on return. Every

soldier experiences some stress or

anxiety, but only a few have

serious psychiatric disorders. The

British forces have diagnosed 80

cases so far of post-traumatic

stress disorder (PTSD) among

those who served in the Gulf. The

Ministry of Defence was unable to

say whether any women had

PTSD, but since only about 1,000

British women went to the Gulf. it

Although the worst cases of post-

traumatic stress are among sol-

diers who were in the centre of the

battle, Colonel Robert Anderson,

the British Army's director of

psychiatry, says: "The difference

with this war was that soldiers

were being Scudded everywhere,

and not just on the front. Even

those who were in battle had

unpleasant experiences more in

terms of what they saw than what

Because much of the battle

occurred at night, it was more like

seems unlikely.

they did."

would send me back."

glad to be back.

"playing a computer game with the sound turned down". The devastation was seen by the light of the next day by those following behind the infantry and tanks.

"Being out there, seeing it all. avoiding minefields, and being within range of all sorts of weapons was almost as dangerous and must have been disturbing," says Lieutenant Colonel lain

Johnstone, commanding officer the Royal Scots infantry.

Lieutenant Wendy Sman was the only woman with the 300 or so Royal Scots, and followed behind the infantry in a truck in the darkness as they went into Irag. As second-in-command of the headquarters company, she had to navigate a supply convoy through the minefields and cluster bombs. On the journey she saw Iraqi prisoners and their dead. and passed the point where the nine British infantrymen killed by American "friendly fire" were being put into body

"Some people will talk about it now over a few beers, and some don't. Everyone is very matter of fact. I don't think it was any worse for me than for the men, although it was a bit more lonely being the only woman there," says Lt Smart, preferring to play down any horror. "I don't know anyone who had nightmares afterwards - or

at least admitted to it." ritish women soldiers

That partly explains why about 300 American soldiers have undergone psychiatric treatment. Mary Rhoads, an army specialist, was one of the 55 survivors of the barracks attack a few days before the ceaselire. Twenty-eight of her colleagues died, 83 were injured. Because her friend, Specialist Beverley Clark, was missing, Specialist Rhoads volunteered to identify her among the charred bodies. "I knew Beverley right away. You could see her pudgy nose and perfect teeth," she told the Senate veterans' affairs committee. Spe-

dead, but they did not see normally a traffic warden - is still full of little homilies: "Your joy at who rang were Wrens from the

With the Falklands still fresh in their minds, military psychiatrists and welfare workers ensured the troops were told about readiustment and the problems they might face with their families on return. Lt Smart says: "We were given the leaflets on the plane home. All 1 remember was they were entirely addressed to men about their wives or girlfriends, and they warned you not to be surprised by tension or changes.

Leaflets were deemed to be

American advice packs were

any of their close col- having nightmares and suffers reunion is powerful and exciting leagues die. For the Americans, it from lingering anxiety, despite and disappointments can be extra strong too." One army booklet included questions for both partners to ask themselves such as

"Did I do OK with the kids?". The marines' booklet was more directed at the single man. "Reestablish your sexual relationship slowly. You can't make up for lost time on a single night." On experimentation, it advised: "Give it time, she may be suspicious of where you learned about these ideas*

Relationships are a casualty of war. In Britain, the Gulf Families' Crisis Line has had over 2,000 calls from soldiers and relatives. Over half of the callers' problems centred on the difficulties with partners following months of separation. Most of the women hospital ships or frigates.

The Americans discovered that many of those traumatised had found the sudden departures and homecomings - flying from the desert to their living rooms in a

straight past him, unseeing. They

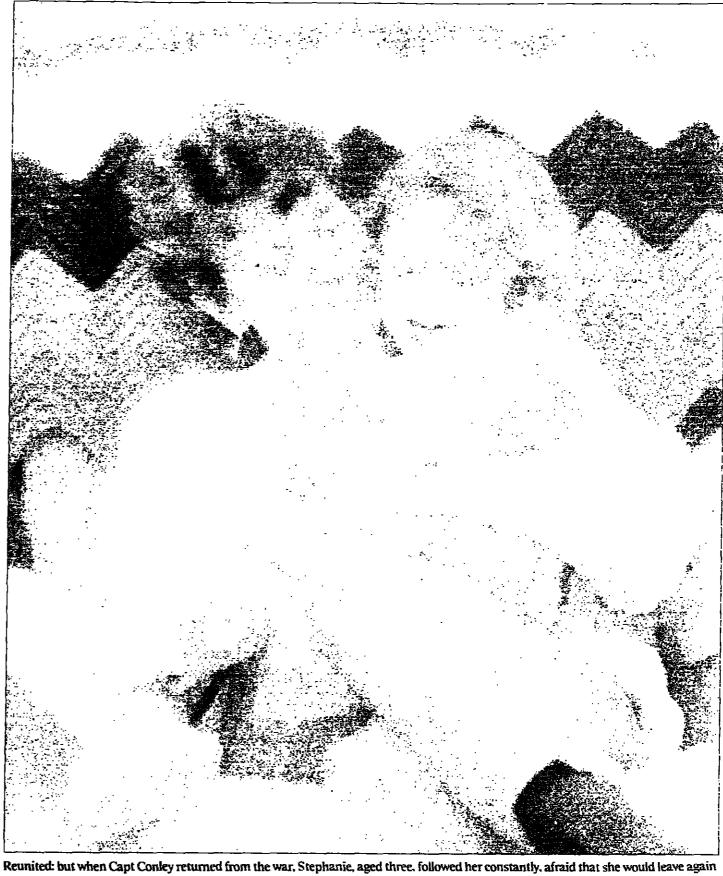
have now separated. In America, there are hundreds

divorce tripled in the months after

"Often the civilian left holding the baby or kids would find himself a non-military partner, or if the marriage was shaky it would just collapse," she says. Men and women out in the desert also time to think, and to realise that their

home lives were not complete. The effects of having been in such a war will linger long after its first anniversary. Col Anderson believes. Because the battle was in some ways left unfinished with Saddam Hussein still in power. soldiers will wonder if the deaths of their friends could possibly be

iustified. Suicides are still occurring among soldiers, months after leaving the war zone. The Gulf war



may have seen the Iraqi was a different story. More of their soldiers were killed when a Scud hit barracks at Dhahran in Saudi Arabia than in the heat of hattle

enough for most soldiers. Counselling was only by request, and many soldiers were embarrassed to ask for it.

cialist Rhoads - a reserve who is directed at the unisex market, and

day - extremely distressing.

Mr Lloyd tells of one call from the husband of one of the Wrens who had waited to greet her off the plane. The man stood with his children, holding champagne and flowers, and his wife walked

of examples of women soldiers leaving their partners after the Gulf war. Renee Rothrock, 2 divorce lawyer who takes 90 per cent of her clients from the 40,000 soldiers 21 Fort Bragg, North Carolina, says applications for

may have been short, but it is leaving a long shadow.

Slippery slope to sporting success

n Valentine's day, Caroline Walker and Tina Belbin will re sume their love affair with one of the world's toughest sports and take on the men at their own game, hurtling down an icy track at high speeds in the British Inter-Services Bobsleigh championship at Igls.

As the only female pairing in the event, they know that beating even two or three of their 15-odd male rivals will be a triumph. Bobsleighing bdepends on pure strength and acceleration in the sprint start, but organisers admit that on current form, the women could well spring a few sucorises.

That they are taking part at all is a minor miracle. Ms Walker, aged 28, , spent six years pleading with the all-male British bobsleigh establishment to be allowed to train as a driver of a twoouting as a passenger, at a

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Are female bobsleighers feminists or

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time when almost no women had even sat in a bob and were forbidden to compete on several European tracks. including St Moritz. Now she and Ms Belbin, aged 29, her brakeman, and

a former junior international three-day eventer, have helped to establish an international women's circuit. this season involving seven nations, and have begun to break down much of the prejudice against female participation.

Both are adamant that their dedication to the sport is not a feminist gesture, but prompted by the excitement and terror of plunging down a twisted track at speeds of

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up to 80mph, negotiating a series of loops and bends which each demand precision driving and split-sec-ond timing. A single slip can produce a fatal crash, and despite no big spills, both have experienced ice burns when the bob turned on its side close to the finish of a race last season.

So far, the successes have far outweighed the failures and Ms Walker's face lights up when she recalls their best performance so far. 'Our greatest moment was winning the women's race at Igls in a record time, beating the Canadians, who are ranked number one in the

Another result of this victory was a change in attitude among the British men's bobsleigh competitors, including Mark Tout and Sean Olsson, the up-and-coming driver, who are tipped for medals at the Winter Olympics. "The men are taking us a lot more seriously," Ms Walker says.

Mr Tout has paid tribute to the women's dedication. confessing that he had been fairly sceptical before he saw them in action. They turned in some very competitive times at their last race at Winterberg in Germany, and the men are taking them a lot more seriously.' The women train six nights

a week, using a mixture of

weights and circuits to build

up strength, and track work

to develop speed. The most

Hard knocks: training important part of the train-

ing takes place each weekend at Thorpe Park in Surrey. where they practice explosive starts. using a heavy bobsleigh which they push. timing acceleration after each attempt. "This push practice is essential because it simulates the bobsleigh sprint starts so effectively." says Ms Walker, a former schoolgirl sprint champion.

The practice has also transformed both women's physiques; Ms Walker, a powerfully-built 5ft 7in has shed more than a stone, and replaced all flab with solid muscle. The willowy Ms Belbin, a catering manager for a large broking firm, is now far stronger and faster than when she first met Ms Walker during a weight training session two years ago, and was talked into becoming her brakeman. The big headache remains

lack of funds as the women have outgrown their basic equipment and need about £14.000 to buy a new bob and two sets of runners for different ice conditions, plus £6,000 to cover next season's travelling expenses. Ms Walker, the daughter

of General Sir Antony Walker, chairman of the Army Bobsleigh Association, has received considerable financial help from her family to reach this standard. "What we would really like to do now is attract more women to try bobsleighing. so that we can expand the circuit," she says.

"To be considered for Olympic status, perhaps for 1998 Winter Games. we'd need at least 17 nations competing, Ideally, the sort of build we are looking for is someone like Judy Oakes, the shot-putter — athletic with lots of power and capable of withstanding a few knocks."

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TOMORROW

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were established truth. Last

week's story in the Daily

Mail which claimed that

John Smith and I were in

some sort of dispute was

simply untrue. That did not

stop Christopher Patten us-

The corrupt compact be-tween the Tory party and

Tory press is illustrated by

Conservative claims that Lab-

our will increase public ex-

penditure by £35 billion (or is

it £37 billion?) and add 10p to

Labour could invent a par-

allel nonsense about Tory

plans - income tax cuts

which result in doubled VAT.

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ment of child benefit. But

even if we were sufficiently

mendacious to peddle such

rubbish, it would not be

reported. We need something

to keep the Tory party equally

The classic compensation

for a corrupt press is honest

broadcasting. But that is no

longer a sovereign remedy for

newspaper fabrication. A BBC journalist attended the

dinner at which Neil Kinnock

"revealed" or "admitted" that

Labour's tax proposals might

have thought the event worth

reporting — presumably because he had already seen it

in policy documents.
But after the "Kinnock

changes mind" story was

manufactured by newspa-pers, the BBC felt it had to fall

The Daily Mail's front

page story on Monday, which claimed that the Ford Motor

Initially, he appears not to

be phased in.

the basic rate of income tax.

Labour's disarray.

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Roy Hattersley (right) accuses Conservative newspapers of suppressing the facts about Labour's policies

The numbers are important. Seven national dailies, with a total circulation of almost ten million copies, are unequivocally Tory. Two, Today and The Independent, which sell a million copies between them, are Conservative but coy about it. The Daily Mirror (Labour through and through) and The Guardian (radical but politically promiscuous) have a combined daily sale of three and a half million.

To be outnumbered in the newspaper battle by a ratio of three to one is in itself a major detriment. But the numerical disparity is only part of the handicap which Labour must overcome - a handicap so great that it poses a threat to genuine democracy.

Tory papers come in differgiance to the Conservative Party has not prevented The Sunday Times from excoriating Norman Lamont. Financial Times editorials end with support for the government, but they are carefully reasoned. Occasional heresy and balanced argument are found only at the top of the trade. Down among the Tory tabloids the rule is unremit-

ting propaganda.
The truth is ruthlessly suppressed and stories are crudemanufactured. But calculated dishonesty whether by invention or omission - is not the most serious

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indictment of the Tory press Their crime against a free society is the way in which they conspire with the Tory Party to create rather than report the news.

The formula is simple enough, and comes with two variations. Sometimes Tory ministers make a preposterous allegation which, because it is underwritten by the press, becomes received wisdom. Last October, Kenneth Baker claimed that Labour was planning to flood the country with immigrants. The rest of the dirty work was done on front pages.

Conversely. Conservative newspapers fabricate a story and it is then repeated by Tory ministers as though it

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Company equated Labour victory with economic ruin was disowned in a letter which the Ford chairman sent to Mr Kinnock. But that did not prevent Mr Patten from quoting the article in the House of Commons, and yesterday the BBC broadcast

ost of us who our Party are taught not to complain about the newspapers, but to accept their behaviour as the effluent of a free society. It has always happened and it always would happen. During the 19th century, even The Times once printed a known forgery in the hope of destroying Charles Stuart Parnell.

The Daily Mail has a record of invention which stretches from the Zinoviev letter, through the Wilson Slush Fund scandal to the "12 Labour Lies" that turned out to be true. The advice was grin and bear it.

We consoled ourselves with the pretence that it made no difference to voting nations The people have more sense than to believe what the newspapers tell them or, conversely, if half The Sun's readers once thought it was a Labour paper, anything is possible.

Sporting analogies were used to reinforce the call for lofty detachment. If a batsman rubs the spot where the ball hits, the bowler knows

that he is fast enought to hurt. I am no longer convinced that disdain is the proper reaction. I doubt if the election result will be much

affected by the behaviour of The Sun, Express and Mail. but that is only because the Labour Party will work overtime to rebut the distortions.

A proper democracy should not allow such built-in bias against one of its two major parties - a bias built on the prejudice and self-interest of a handful of millionaires. If you doubt how great that bias is, try to imagine what the Tory tabloids would have said about a Labour government which had presided over the longest recession in modern history, brought in and bought out the Poll Tax, and pushed up mortgage rates to record levels.

I am now in favour of tackling political chicanery head on - exposing the deceptions, describing the distortions and pinning the blame on the people ultimateresponsible for imprisonig the free press. The dubious headlines and

the false leaders do not write themselves. They are the responsibility of the editors, (Kelvin MacKenzie, Sir Nicholas Lloyd and Sir David who employ them: Rupert Murdoch, Lord Stevens of and Lord Ludgate Rothermere. They rarely defend themselves or their action in public, but usually fire their anonymous bullets from miles behind the front line of political controversy.

Enoch Powell used to insist that politicians complaining about the press are like sailors complaining about the sea. Perhaps, but from now on the Tory editors and owners are going to hear the sound of me spitting into the wind.

Fear and loathing stalk Panorama

With falling ratings and an unsettled staff, can the BBC's current affairs flagship avoid going under?

T ot for the first time, news is not good from the set of Panorama, British television's longest-running current affairs programme. Senior BBC executives are concerned about the lack of consistency in what has been the flagship of the BBC's current affairs operation for four decades.

The new troubles at Panrama come in the wake of alling ratings and a protracted argument over the style of the programme's journalism. Speculation about the future of three of the programme's longestserving reporters and the search for a new editor are behind the latest battle for the soul of Panorama.

In the past year, andience figures for the programme, which in its time has been fronted by the late Richard Dimbleby, Robert Kee and Sir Robin Day, have declined by about 15 per cent. When in 1985, Michael Grade then head of BBC1, moved

the programme to its present 9.30pm slot and cut its running time from 50 to 40 minutes, its audience doubled overnight, to nearly nine audience is 3.6 million.

Panorama's detractors: claim that its poor performance is a direct result of the reforms instigated by John Birt, director-general in waiting at the BBC.

There is no doubt that Mr Birt and his acolytes have steered the programme away from tough, investigative reporting, and introduced a more cerebral, issue-based style, where analysis usually takes the place of the old fashioned journalistic scoop. "Panorama is not exactly

viewer-friendly anymore," says Paul Woolwich, a former

deputy editor of the programme now in charge of This Week, Thames Television's rival current affairs programme. The audience put off by Panorama's decoly analytical stance."
Mr Woolwich thinks the

programme's role has been usurped by the Birt-inspired growth of a new wave of BBC. levision current affairs programmes such as Assignvent, Public Eye and On the Record. "Panorama is having difficulty finding stories that aren't being done elsehere," he says.

about the success of Mark Thompson, the outgoing



Thompson: former editor

Panorama editor. His obvious brightness and am bition have led to a ma promotion as BBC television's new head of features. here he will be responsible for shows such as That's Life. But, "under Thompson. anorama was trying to face in two directions at once says a senior current affairs

programme-maker. "He was neither a fully paid-up Birtian or a stories man. As a result, Panorama drifted." Certainly, most viewers would be hard-pressed to think of more than a handful the past year. Even The Max Facior, last year's headline-

hirting expose of Robert Maxwell, which Maxwell tried to stop being screened, had its critics within Tele-vision Centre. It didn't actually reveal all that much."

with Getting Rid of Gri huge posting and was seen by about a willion more porter, Robin Denselow, whose links with Panorama mrent affairs programmes, that his future with Pan-

orema is oncertain: ruma veterans, believed to be Fred Emery and Tom Mangold, has infuriated colleagues. A petition has been sent to Jonathan Powell, the controller of BBC1, in an effort to save Mr Denselow's Panorama job. "It looks like the final rout of the old guard," a producer says. Within the next few weeks.

the BBC will have to appoint a new editor. It is an openthat Mr Powell would prefer enne who is able to make the kind of accessible, investigative programmes that. But he is almost certain to

be vetoed by Mr Birt's tenants in the news and current affairs directorate. For viewers, this could mean even more boring editions of

STEVE CLARKE

Show

TELEVISION producers negotiating the sale of profor the 1993 schedule should beware. Any deals done could be nullified if ITV companies do not soon register their transitional scheduling arrangements under the Restrictive Trade Practices Act.

Last month, ITV executives began commissioning their own programmes for the first eight months of 1993, despite legislation meant to abolish all guarantees and open the system to independents by next January.

Any deals signed or con-cluded in principle could also

collapse if, once registered, the transitional commissioning system is found to be anticompetitive by the Office of Fair Trading and referred to the restrictive practices court.

THE European Broadcast-

ing Union (EBU), the Geneva-based trade body for public service broadcasters. has issued a new set of guidelines on the ponrayal of violence on television. Broadcasters must spare viewers any scenes of violence which offend their dignity and sensitivity", and every effort made to avoid violence becoming commonplace or being glorified as a means of solving conflicts.

Good buy GLOSSY pictures and unde-

manding articles have again proved a winning combination for Hello! which has boosted its circulation by 28 I per cent, Sales from July to December reached 444,257. "It proves that good right pictures with it," Sally Cartwright, the publishing director, says.

Other women's magazines to fare well in the July to December Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC) figures:

House Beautiful, up 25.7 per cent to 271,319, She up 20 per cent to 283.731 and Company up 14.2 per cent to 220,972. But Hello! has yet to catch Cosmopolitan, up 10.7 per cent to 472,480.

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Can new homes in the countryside be built within planning rules? Rachel Kelly meets a developer with an answer

1 loathing ---Conjuring trick in the country

> arriers Court is at its best viewed on a foggy day from a distance. Then, this newly finished development of eight houses in the Warwickshire village of Wasperton really looks like the collection of farm buildings it is meant to

On a clearer day, the courtyard, close up, is suspiciously clean and devoid of chickens. The "barn" doors are full-length windows and wood panelling. New houses are masquerading as farm buildings.

The conjuring trick heiped Berkeley Homes to get planning permission for its new houses on the edge of Wasperton village, near Stratford-upon-Avon, which would otherwise almost certainly have been refused.

David Wilson, of Berkeley Homes, says: "Planning regula-tions from Stratford-upon-Avon district council stipulated that any new building on the site must not look like a group of new homes. But if the development blended in

with the village . . . "
And blend it does. The develop ers scoured the countryside, watched by the the planners, sketching dovecotes and barn roofs from local farms to reproduce for their buildings of local brick. A granary, grainstore, stable block, barns and farmhouse were the result, around a paved countyard and separated from the road by a brick wall and five-bar gate. Sadly, the dovecote has no doves.

Mr Wilson says that seven of the eight buildings have already been sold at between £145,000 and

Berkeley Homes is now completing the finishing touches, including, no doubt, a few pieces of artistically arranged straw.

The less agriculturally minded might prefer a stone Cotswold cottage, on sale at Bourton-on-thewater in Gloucestershire. Again, the new-as-old trick has been played, this time by Beazer Homes. The cottages, within stone walls topped with stone capping.

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with the honey-coloured local Cotswold stone of their neighbours. The iron-work is wrought, and the sharp angle of the roofs matches those of existing cottages. Strict building rules required traditional wooden window sashes and casements. Ten of the 30 cottages in the scheme, priced at £100,000 each, are left.

Of course, as David Mason, of Beazer admits, a buyer would have to squint to believe the cottages were anything but new. "They look too clean," he says. But weathering will soon change that.

eathering has already happened at Pyndar Court at Beauchamp, in Malvern, finished by Lansdown Homes in summer, 1988. Two linked courtyards of 26 twobedroom cottages echo the original Pyndar Court, a rambling Victorian building, which has been demolished.

The house's ghost lives on in the development, built in Pyndar's Court's original grounds. The developers copied the original red brick and the scheme echoes many of Pyndar Court's architec-

Critics of such schemes will mutter about toytown pastiche and Disneyland. Such buildings obviously lack the suffused warmth of generations of families that have lived and loved inside their four walls. The climbing plants have yet to wrap themselves around the front doors.

To live in they are, however, superior to their predecessors. Well-proportioned rooms, practical bathrooms and central heating are de rigueur. If home comforts matter, a modern house is for you.

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A GRADE II listed cottage in the village of Dummer, in Hamp-shire, has just had £55,000 knocked off the £380.000 price. Seven reception rooms, four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a onebedroom flat, in two acres of grounds can be yours for E325,000. (Rachel Kelly writes).

The freehold house justifies the best buy tag when one considers local prices, says Ellis & Co, which is selling the house. "It's easily 10 to 15 per cent cheaper than similar properties round about," an Ellis spokeswoman says. "You won't find many houses like this coming up for sale. I expect it will be snapped up soon.

Although skilfully extended and updated, some of the building dates from the 16th century. The one-and-a-half acre grounds include a paved terrace and *loggid* leading to a lawn, on to two paddocks and a stable block. The house is part of the Kempshott Park estate.

The house is approached by a half-mile-long drive. Neighbours include Major Ronald Ferguson, the Duchess of York's father. His 800-acre farm nearby came on to the market last October for £380.000.

The house offers privacy, with-out forgoing links with Heathrow (half an hour away), the M3 (a short drive), the M4 (ditto) and Waterloo (45 minutes on the

Rotunda in the park

& Rutley, the agents selling the house, say that Mr Holmes à Court used Grove House as a base for his international investment

what had been the headquarters of

who owned the property from The Grade 1-listed building. which has a 96-year lease owned by Crown Estates, was bought in The owner, Mrs Janet Holmes à Court, decided to sell because she is spending less time in London 1986 for about £8 million. Restosince the death 18 months ago of ration work, supervised by Mrs her husband, Robert, an Austra-Holmes a Court, transformed

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discovered in a valley in China in

1945. A gazebo and conservatory nestle in the grounds.

The house has five bedrooms and four bathrooms, complete with dressing rooms and morning

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announced. The Littlewoods organisation is at the end of the year. taking the whole of the Atlantic Pavilion, in the Albert Dock complex, as headquarters for its chain-stores division, at a reported rent of about £10.50 a sq ft.

The 88,000 sq ft of offices will provide employment for almost 600 people. The ground floor of 6,000 sq ft will house a restaurant. The Albert Dock, the country's largest group of Grade I listed buildings, has been redeveloped by the Arrowcroft group and Merseyside Development Corporation.

On completion, the investment of about £100 million is expected to have created 4,000 jobs.

Topped out

THE Smith & Nephew and retail space, with five Group research centre, the first phase of a £23 million development programme at York Science Park, a joint venture between the University of

York and P&O Developments, was topped out this week. Smith & Nephew, the first company to take a pre-let on the 21acre parkland site, will ONE of the biggest office occupy the 84,000 sq ft lettings in Liverpool for office, laboratory and several years has been product development plant, due for completion



Flagship

THE Corner is an aptly named office develop-ment on the corner of Old Bond Street and Piccadilly, the flagship scheme in the West End of London of SC Properties (UK), the property development branch of Shimizu Corporation, a Japanese construction group.

The scheme, formerly on the site of Qantas House, includes office floors of new office accommodation totalling 21,000 sq ft, rebuilt behind the listed facade. The building is being let by Chesterton.

Big sales signal an end to the slump

igns of the long-awaited re-covery in the property investment market have at last started to emerge, says the agent Hillier Park, which has comleted transactions on more than E300 million of property in the last two months through its investment services division.

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Agents have been searching for such signs over many months. The completion of these deals, however. is "positive evidence that the investment market has turned the corner", says Greg Nicholson, Hillier

Park's investment agency partner.

Mr Nicholson adds: "Our research publications have been pointing for some months now to a gradual recovery in the market. while we at the 'deals' end were waiting for these forecasts to translate into the major transactions

being predicted."
Mr Nicholson emphasises that
the deals are unconnected and have involved the re-emergence of a UK property company, a leading insurance company, a US investment group and an international partnership. "This surely indicates a real reawakening of interest in UK property by investors generally," he says, "rather than just one type of investor, and must be treated as true evidence of an upturn."

The deals leading to this view are the sale and leaseback for Burtons of the Oxford Circus Peter Robinson department store to Heron/Société Investment property is turning the

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Générale for E51 million; the E37.5 million sale of Arcona's office development at 84 South Audley Street. Mayfair, to Citibank clients: the sale for Shell/CU's Kingfisher shopping centre, at Redditch, in the west Midlands; to AMP (Pearl_Assurance) for £41 million; Dusco's acquisition of a share in Capital & Counties' interest in Nottingham's Victoria Centre for £98 million, and the disposal of County & District's property portfolio to GPE and

County NatWest for £105 million. Jones Lang Wootton also reports several investment deals, including the sale of Citicape House, Holborn Viaduct, by First International Property Trust to Gulf International Properties for about £30 million. Citicape House, with 63,000 sq ft of space, was let at £51 a sq ft.
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Assurance Society has bought the freehold of Cheyne House, Cheapside, London, from Nationwide Building Society. Cheyne House has about 9,000 sq ft, and the vendor, which occupies the lower floors, has taken a leaseback on its premises.

Jones Lang Wootton says the pur-chase, for about £3 million, is a rare transaction in the City because most of the value of the building lies in the retail part.

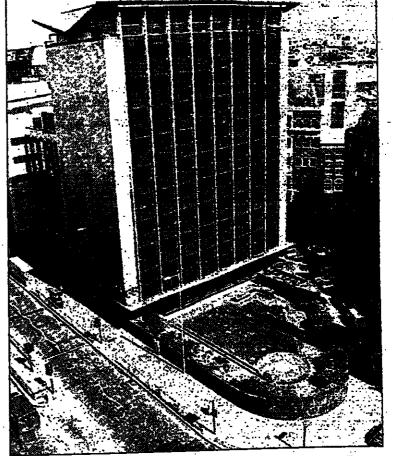
Provision, a property consultancy. offers another sign of movement in the market, with a reduction of nearly 1.75 million sq ft of available office space in London in the past two months, a fall of more than 4 per cent. A further 936,000 sq ft is under offer.

Reductions in floorspace have been recorded in all size ranges, the highest being 6.8 per cent in the largest size band of 100,000 sq ft plus, where there are 55 properties available, a reduction of 2 per cent over the previous total.

f the total of more than 40 million sq ft of London office space available. more than half is in the City (14.5 million sq ft) and Docklands (6.25 million sq ft).

Continuing oversupply in the City is shown in the latest floorspace survey by Richard Saunders & Partners, which shows that the takeup of space in the City in December was 224,706 sq ft, 23 per cent less than in November and 20 per cent less than the July to December 1991 six-month average.

The agent explains that December was a "short" month and that several decisions were delayed until the New Year. Of the main removals



Sold: Citicape House, central London for about £30 million

from the market, all involved new developments with the exception of two second-hand properties where the space was withdrawn, illustrating the value for money presented in the central area by the landlords of new schemes. The consequence is continuing pressure on the increasingly competitive and oversupplied

second-hand market. On the City fringes, the December take-up of 316,409 sq ft rose by 12 per cent over November and by 5.6 per cent over the six-month average. Apart from one large deal, the 44,525 sq ft offices at 101 St Martin's Lane, London WC2, most involved small units.

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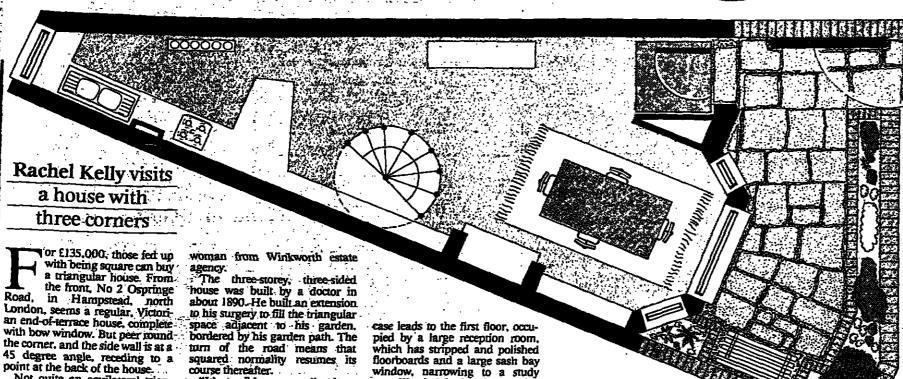


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But it's definitely a triangular, three-sided house," says a spokes"It's terribly cosy to live in a triangular house," says Nina Arditti, who is selling the home move to west London "Each floor is open-plan, so one end of the room is enclosed as it narrows to a point. It divides the functions of the room very simply. On the ground floor, the wider end of the room is a dining room and the other end is a kitchen.

which has stripped and polished floorboards and a large sash bay window, narrowing to a study area. The desk is placed, naturally, in front of the window. On the next floor up the spiral staircase is a bedroom, enjoying the entire sweep of the room, which has

maple fitted cupboards.

Mrs Arditti says there is no need. for triangular furniture to match: "Admittedly there's only one rightangled corner, but there is plenty of room along the walls for square A green, ironcast, spiral stair-furniture."

The house, she says, makes for the perfect office at home.An occupier can disappear to the pointed end of the room and feel in quite different environment from the roomier, squarer end. The house is the perfect conversa-tion starter, Mrs Arditti says. Everybody, it seems, knows of another house that is star-shaped

The ground floor plan, showing the patio garden at the front. The floor comprises a sitting room and a kitchen, with a spiral staircase

Ticket to buy more debt?

Raffles may seem a good way to sell during a slump, but beware the pitfalls

There are hidden pitfalls in raffling a house, the Nat-Consumer Council (NCC) warns in a report published earlier this month, (Rachel Kelly

Homeowners in today's prop-erty slump have been seduced by raffle schemes with their property as the prize, but the schemes could be illegal. A raffle in which you plan to sell enough tickets at a given price to meet your target selling price for the house would almost certainly be an illegal lottery. A legal scheme must be a game of skill, says Philip Circus. of the NCC.

He urges homeowners to take legal advice if they plan to run win-a-home contests. He says there can be problems for homeowners who do not get enough entries to meet their target price. Entrants should read the small print. "Will you get all your money back if there are not enough entries to meet the organiser's target?" he says. "My advice to buyers and sellers is: don't do it."

His advice came too late for John Manners-Fenton, who faces bankruptcy after embarking on a win-a-home contest for his £150,000 grade 2 listed house near Manchester last April. "I thought the scheme would be the biggest thing since Littlewoods."

he says. He devised a raffle with tickets priced at £6 and six questions about children's fairy-

Despite extensive advertising he sold only 7.000 tickets, 25,000 short of the 30,000 needed to cover the cost of the house. By the August closing date, he had receipts for only £42,000 but had spent £43,000 on advertising.

He extended the deadline to October, and closed his restaurant business to concentrate on the raffle.

As a condition of extending the deadline, Mr Manners-Fenton had to offer refunds. "About a 1,000 people bailed out." he says. He failed to sell any more tickets and now faces debts of £43.000.

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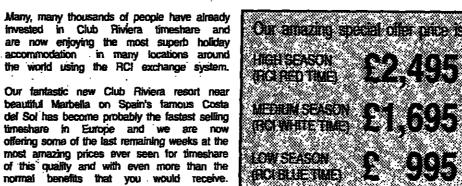
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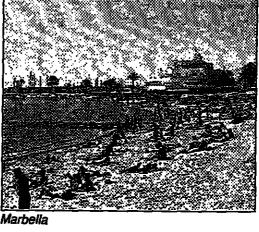
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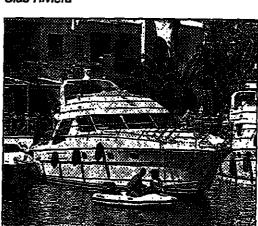
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"First class cricket — first class county" and "County Durham — Number One" are just two of the slogans, emblazoned beneath the smiling figures of Ian Botham and Liz McColgan, likely to figure prominently in advertisements aimed at catching the eye of investors, industrialists and developers looking for sites.

On April 19. Botham and his Durham colleagues will start the county's first season in first-class cricket at home to Lancashire. By 1995 the county side will have headquarters in a ground at Chester-le-Street that will be at the heart of a £25 million sporting, leisure and tourist development.

Any time McColgan, the world 10,000 metres champion, appears in an event around the world expect to see hoardings and pictures of her wearing the "County Durham-1" vest she sported when winning the international cross country event at Beamish open air museum at the end of last year.

The past Durham is escaping from is visible at Easington, the decaying site of one of the last two remaining collieries in a coalfield that once boasted 150 pits and 100,000 miners. The future is at Peter Davenport reports on the success of regeneration in county Durham

decline in the region's traditional industries of coal, steel and heavy

engineering. The county no longer

produces steel (the people of Consett know exactly what those in

Ravenscraig are experiencing), no

railway engines or rolling stock

and the coalfield now employs

Three decades ago the county council realised the importance of

're-greening" the region to make

it attractive once more as a place to

live and work. The policy has been

the bedrock of a success that has

enabled Durham to ride out the

Although it has lost 5,000 jobs,

many in the shrinking textiles sector, in the last year, it would

have been many more if it had still

been reliant on a few, basic industries. There are currently

around 25,000 people out of work.

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including electronics, engineer-

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Kingsley Smith is chief executive of the county council, an organis-ation that employs 26,000 staff

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a year and is, therefore, a pivotal player in economic re-building.

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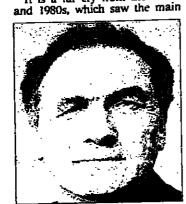
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to Newton Aydiffe near Darlington, the location of the clinically modern, £400 million Fujitsu factory. The location was chosen for the quality of its water and air. and by 1995 1.500 workers will be turning out countless semiconduc-

tors. It is, after Nissan's Washington factory, the largest Japanese investment in the north-east. Fujitsu is one of 79 foreign companies that operate in Dur-ham. Last year the County Durham Development Company, the inward investment arm of the county council, received a further

interested in new sites, only 36 of them from within the UK. It is a far cry from the 1970s

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Ken Frankish: good things

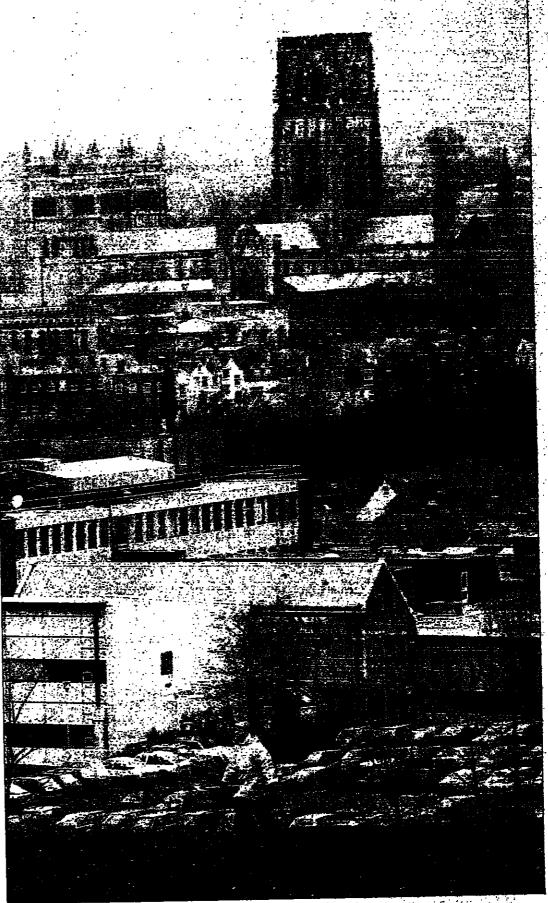
He says the county is poised to capitalise on actions, initiatives and internal re-organisations taken by the authority over the last

four years. By the year 2000 I would say that Durham will be one of the most attractive counties in the country and probably one of the most sought after places to live and work because the quality of life here is absolutely phenomenal."

Durham has had to fight hard for its fortune, wedged as it is between the industrial conglomerations of Teesside and Tyneside, both with government funded development corporations ploughine hundred of millions of pounds into major development schemes.

he city is a big attraction both for tourists and companies wanting a prestige address; many of the high-tech companies now operating in the county are also lured by research facilities available at Durham University. Road com-munications have been radically improved and the airports at Newcastle and Teesside are easily accessible.

Ken Frankish, the county's director of economic development, is delighted at the success of Durharn cricket, supported by the council, in gaining first class county status: "There are a lot of good things happening here, we are weathering the recession well and making our plans for the end of it. So first class cricket, first class



Industrious city: new industries rise against Durham's ancient background as the city revives

Old king coal's sad soul

map of the Durham Coal-field in 1950 displayed so many black dots representing working collieries that it looked like a bad case of measles: today the disease affecting the industry is rather more serious, in fact terminal.

Less than 45 years ago there were still 134 active pits employ-ing more than 100,000 men. Now only two. Vane Tempest and Easington, both in east Durham and providing work for around 3,000, remain and it is thought they too will disappear in the near

East Durham is the most socially, economically and environmentally deprived corner of the county, one that has missed out on the impressive improvements that have taken place elsewhere. East Durham is attempting to generate jobs as the mining industry contracts

An official report on the area says, without optimism, that 22,000 jobs need to be created just to get the unemployment rate down to the national average. It adds: "If there are more colliery closures, unemployment rates of 30 to 40 per cent in east Durham can be anticipated."

Such statistics smack un-comfortably of the 1930s. It is just not the spectre of severely rising unemployment that plagues East Durham. Its population is declining as the young leave to seek opportunity elsewhere. Surveys indicate that people have worse health than

average and die younger, fewer own homes and cars; and greater numbers are quitting education at 16.

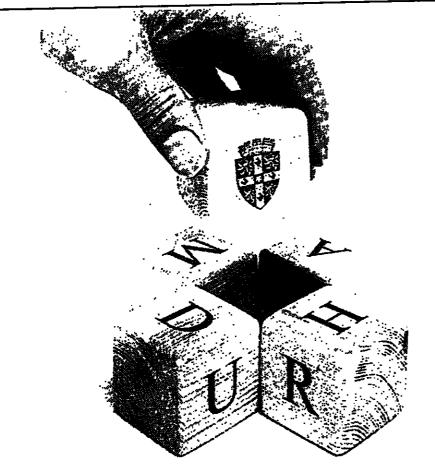
The environmental legacy of a dying coal industry mean there are 150 hectares of derelict colliery land to tidy up and the annual tipping of 1.5 million tonnes of solid pit waste and 2 billion litres of liquid waste into the sea has despoiled what could be an attractive coastline.

There is nothing sadder and more dispiriting than a pit village without its pit and many of the communities in East Durham bear a run-down and depressed

appearance that would stretch the imagination of even the most generous entrepreneur committed to industrial regeneration.

In an attempt to tackle what is dmitted to be the most serious problem currently facing the county, last year saw the creation of the East Durham Task Force, bringing together 15 public and private sector organisations. including the regional directors of the major government departments.

The task force has produced a rolling programme for the next 10 years to spend £158 million to create 8.000 new jobs, improve the environment, increase training, provide new roads and factories and enhance the physical condition of many of the former



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he view from David Newbegin's office window at the headquarters of Durham County Council offers a panorama that takes in the rooftops of the old city and the towering presence of its castle and

But Mr Newbegin, the council's environment director draws the visitor's attention to the small, tree-planted hillock just across the car park. It was once the spoil heap of the now defunct Aykley Heads colliery and an early example of successful land reclamation.

For the last 30 years the council, together with the district authorities, has pursued a vigorous and ambi-tious policy to re-green a county that was once one of the most blighted in the United Kingdom, bearing a hideous legacy of spoil heaps from 150 collieries, steelworks' slag tips, abandoned brick ovens and defunct coke works. A single undertaking,

The county has been reclaiming land for more than 30 years

the reclamation of the 700acre site of the former steel works at Consett, which in 1980, was the such scheme in largest Europe.

To date more than 16 square miles of scarred land has been re-claimed for use as golf courses, country parks, conservation sites and modern industrial estates. About 50 miles of disused railway has been turned into a network of walkways, bridlepaths and cycle tracks.

Hundreds of old and ugly buildings have been torn down in almost 1,000 sepa-rate schemes. More than 27 million tonnes of waste have been removed and two million trees planted.

The programme has thrown up some unexpected finds: a £3.5 million scheme to rid Durham of one of its

last major pitheaps un-earthed a hidden valley, last seen more than 50 years ago. The forgotten valley of Kelloe Beck is now being returned to its former condition. So far reclamation has cost about £500 million and

the continuing programme

eats up a further £2 million

each year. The county is the busiest and most successful applicant for government derelict land grant funds. urham's work has earned the county national and international awards as well as interest from other authori-

ties in the UK and former communist nations that are just beginning to tackle the environmental catastrophes created by their outdated industries.

East Durham's

colliery spoil, will be the last great work. David Newbegin says: "In many ways the coastal problems will be easier to deal with than those we have tackled inland and we have built up an unrivalled pool of knowledge and exper-

se over the years.
"People who visit Durham still thinking they will find it all to be smoking chimneys and pit spoil heaps cannot believe what they see. It has been a magnificent effort achieved by dedication and an enormous amount of hard

His favourite anecdote concerns the award-winning museum of north-eastern life at Beamish. When they decided to put a genuine pit spoil heap on display so that people would remember what they looked like, he says, they had to import one from outside the county "I believe that within five years we will see all our coal related problems resolved," he says

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tion, in his Lordship's view de-

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Judgment January 241 Failure to indicate to the trial judge a wish to cross-examine a co-defendant about previous convictions and character, under section 1(1)(f)(iii) of the Criminal Evidence Act 1898, and a flawed cross-examination based on a nolo contendere plea in the USA which led to a flawed summing up, rendered the jury's verdict unsafe and unsatisfactory and the conviction was quashed.

A successful appeal was brought by Beverly Elaine McGregor, aged 29, of Stoke Newington High Street, London against conviction after a nineday trial at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Forrester and a jury) of possessing 0.22kg of cocaine hydrochloride with intent to supply, for which she was sentenced to five years imprisonment and a confiscation order was made for £19,000 under the Drug Trafficking Of-fences Act 1986.

The inry disagreed over her codefendant at trial, Jacquelin Frances Davidson, who was proceed to be remed and was acquitted on the retrial. Section 1 of the 1898 Act

provides: "(1) ... (f) A person-charged and called as a witness shall not be asked ... any question tending to show that he has committed or been convicted of or been charged with any offence other than that wherewith he is then charged, or is of bad character, unless ... (iii) he has given evidence against any other person charged in the same

Mr Adrien Fulford, who did not appear below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr Walton Hornsby for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution case was that the two women had been engaged in a transfer of the cocaine from Davidson to the appellant and in return she had handed a large sum of maney to

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Both disputed that case. Each blamed the other and, in the end, it was what was what was what was popularly known as a cur-throat

When the appellant was giving evidence she, of necessity. sttacked the character of her co-defendant and brought herself within section 1(1)(1) of the 1898

All other things being equal, counsel for the co-defendant. Mr Michael Mansfield, QC, was in a position to cross-examine the mellant and, taking advantage of it, he started to ask her about her alleged previous convictions.

The matter of such questioning

Taylor ([1965] AC 574 and it was counsel's duty to indicate to the judge that he proposed to take advantage of section 1(1)(f). In Murdock Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest referred to a desire to put such questions and said (at pp585-586): "intimation of this desire should (in such a way as may be appropriate) be given to the court and counsel concerned. The temporary withdrawal of the jury might become desirable. It n be for the judge to rule . If he rules as a matter of law

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that the proposed questions may be put, then he is not called upon either to give or withhold any permission to put them." In the ordinary run of cases, no doubt the permission sought from the judge would be put briefly.

However, the instant case was very different Cross-examining counsel had a scries of documents from a circuit court in Florida and it was plain that the appellant and one Bev-ericy Tucker were both charged on April II, 1987 with having cannabis in their actual or

constructive possession. The documents related to a olea of noto contenders and one document was headed "Order withholding adjudication".

Their Lordships had had the benefit, which the trial court had not had, of three affidavits, from which it appeared that the plea of noio contendere, that is, "I do not wish to contest the case", was used in criminal cases where the accused, although unwilling to con-fess guilt, did not wish to go to and desired the court immediately to pass sentence. If the court accepted such a plea it did not necessarily result in a conviction. It was a plea bargain approved by the court. was a great pity that Mr judge's attention that he was about to cross-examine in the way that he did. It might well have been that he had not appreciated the intricacies of the procedures in willingly prepared to accept the interpretation that he might have thought the appellant had in fact been convicted of the cannabis charge there.

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If the trial judge had been alerted to the possibilities, if someone at trial had done more than hand the documents to the appellant, expen evidence might have been sought whether she was in a position legitimately to deny her guilt of that cannabis charge. Stripped of all its embroidery.

no more than that the appellant said: "I did not commit the crime alleged against me but am anxious to be spared the trauma and expense of a trial; consequently I am prepared to allow you to proceed on the basis as though I were guilty and am prepared to pay \$1,050 for the privilege." The prosecution said that that suited them, it would enable them to save time and money which otherwise they would have to spend on a trial, and the judge then gave the bargain his or her

In those circumstances the appellant would be justified in asserting that she had not been convicted of the cannabis offence. or so it seemed to their Lordships. Against that background their Lordships turned to the cross-examination.

The appellant had said that she was of good character and had no previous convictions anywhere. The documents being shown to the appellant, she was asked or not it was a conviction

counsel said, she did not know. His Lordship said that the basis of the cross-examination was wed in the light of what their Lordships had already said, because no one had been given the opportunity or, if they had, had not taken the trouble to see what really was involved in the nolo contendere procedure.

The real vice arrived when the judge came to sum up on the vital question of the relative credibility of the appellant and her co-defendant, with only the informa-tion before him which had emerged in tross-examination without having seen any of the

He said that the appellant was not a person of good character, although the jury might think she was attempting to lead them to eve that she was, because she had pleaded guilty to a drugs offence in Florida. He asked whether it was on her part a deliberate piece of perjury in front

in a cut-throat defence that passage had to be absolutely faral.
After that direction, on the facts before the judge it was a perfectly proper direction at which no one could properly complain, the appellant's defence was hopeless and inevitably she was convicted. The whole of the passage in the

summing up was based on the material irregularity which took place when the judge's attention was not drawn to counsel's inter tion about cross-examination and he was putting questions to the witness based on an imperfect understanding of the documents he was putting forward.

The conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory and the conviction had to be quashed. A retrial would Solicitors: CPS, Kingston upon

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(Judement January 21) Where a plaintiff was entitled by way of damages to payment from the second defendant of its costs of suing the first defendant, those costs were to be taxed on the edt no ton basis and not on the solicitor and own client basis nor

on the indemnity basis.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Seavision Investment SA, from the order of Mr Justice Steyn on June 14, 1990 that the costs of the plaintiffs' claim against the first defendant. Norman Thomas Evennett, sued on his own behalf and on behalf of all other members in 1984 of Lloyd's Syndicates 658 and 728, payable by the second defendants, Clarkson Puckle Ltd, to the plaintiffs as damages, were to be taxed

on the standard basis. The plaintiffs were the owners of the vessel Tiburon which was struck by an Exocet missile on June 27, 1984 on a voyage from Kharg Island in the Gulf and became a constructive total loss. The plaintiffs claimed under their war tisks insurance cover and the judge held that the first defendant underwriter was not, but the second defendant brokers

made the order for costs. Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Mr David Goldstone for the plaintiff; Mr Adrian Hamilton. OC and Mr Dominic Kendrick for the second defendants.

were, liable to the plaintiffs and

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that Sir Roger Ormrod, before his death, had agreed with The provisions of sections 51

The costs of the failed claim against the underwriters were WINDOWS MOVE By Raymond Keene, Today's position is from the

Supreme Court appeared to his

Lordship to be clear but it was

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claim against the underwriters were a recoverable head of dam-

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costs were not by law left to the

discretion of the court and thus

the prohibition in section 18(1)(f) had no application, and that, as

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it would, in his Lordship's judg-

ment, involve engrafting on to section 51(1) words of exception

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[Judgment January 22] An application to discharge an ex parte Mareva injunction that had been granted by the Court of Appeal on an appeal from a Queen's Bench judge was not to be made to the Court of Appeal

but to the High Court.
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Court of Appeal with Sir David
Croom-Johnson, so stated when refusing to grant an application by the defendants. Mr Richard Kay, Mr Michael Webb and six companies controlled by them, to discharge a Mareva injunction imposed on them by the Court of Appeal on December 20, 1991 when allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs. Ocean Software Ltd.

Mr Charles K. Machin for the defendants: Mr B. Clive Freed-

LORD JUSTICE SCOTT said that the plaintiffs had sought the injunction to protect the fruits of action against the defendants for recovery of 50 per cent of the royalties received by them in respect of a Nimendo computer Following the decision of the

Court of Appeal on December 20 to grant the injunction, the defendants sought to have it varied or discharged. An application by them to that effect was before the Court of Appeal on December 30 when the terms of the injunction were varied, the application adjourned and the parties given Appeal was statutory: sections 15 and 16 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 set out its function. Where the Court of Appeal had made an order granting an injuntion, whether on an ex parte or inter partes application, i might well be necessary for one or

other of the parties to go back to that court for a purpose of, or incidental to "the amendment. execution and enforcement" of that order: see section 15(3) of the 1981 Act. But, on the other hand, an

application which arose out of an order that the Court of Appeal had made but which was not strictly ancillary to the appellate exercising in making the order and which could not be described as the "amendment, execution and enforcement" of the order

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ought to be challenged was given by Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in WEA Records Ltd Visions Channel 4 Ltd ([1983] WLR:721, 727). The defendants' application was not suitable to be dealt with by the Court of Appeal but should

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9.30 Churchiti: Beginning of the End

CHOICE: Part three of Martin Gilbert's documentary covers the years 1943 to 1945 and is the most entertaining so far. This is because it frequently leaves the narrative of wartime events for personal insights. We hear how Churchill composed his speeches, more sweat and toil than sudden inspiration. We hear about his eccentric working hours and huge intake of alcohol. We hear how he exasperated his generals with wild schemes, such as scrapping D-Day and liberating France through Portugal. Credit is given to the unsung Clement Attee who looked after the shop while Churchill was abroad and got through business in a fraction of the time. There is even a clip of Bob Hope making Churchill jokes On the world stage Churchill's influence was beginning to wane and with it Britain's credibility as a great power. By 1945 only the United States and the Soviet Union really counted. (Ceefax)

10.30 Film: Author! Author! (1982). Al Pacino stars in a hit-and-miss semi-autobiographical comedy by Israel Horovitz about a Broadway playwright, whose suspicions about his wife's infidelity lead him to have an affair with his leading lady. With Dyan Cannon and Tuesday Weld. Directed by Arthur Hiller (81813436). Wales: Film '92 with Barry Norman (15320); 11.00-12.45am Film: Authori

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Suite; Savitri)
9.35 Midweek Choice: D Scarlatti
(Sonata in C, Kk 502): Haydn
(Piero Sonata in E minor, HXVI

34); Sibelius (Andante festivo), Scarletti (Sonata in D minor,

Kr 517); Stravinsky (The Hake's Progress, Act II Sc 3); Scarlatti (Sonata in D, Kk 478);

Paganini (Violin Concerto No 3 in E), Scarlatti (Sonata in F

in E), Scarletti /Sonata in F minor, Kk 519), Messenet, an

Lucas (Ballet, Manon, Act 2, excerpts); D Scarlatti (Sonata in B flat, Kk 545)

Charles Groves, with Patnoia Calnan, violin: Verdi (Overture.

La lorza del destino), Chausson (Poeme, Op 25); Faurè (Suite, Masques et

minor) (r)

1.00pm News

1.05 Concert Hall- Benjamin Finth, pano, plays Beethoven (33 Variations on a Waltz by Diabelli, Op 120), live from Broatfornting House, Indian

Broadcasting House, London 2.00 Record Review (r) 3.10 Vintage Years.

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to chamber music. (a) when they can put pictures to it and. (b) when they can whistle to it As today's Vintage Years is the "Trout" Chantet, the "whistle-along-with-Schuber" brigade will be specially catered for, though siftieurs will have to wait patiently for the fourth movement. The

bergamasques), Frank Bridge

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11.30 BBC Concert Orchestra unde

Gershwin (The George Gershwin Songbook, excerpts); Copland (Danzon Cubano); Gottschalk (Souvenir

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8.00 Breakfast News (1988252) 8.15 Westminster (5602981) 9.00 Daytime on Two: Short Circuit (s) (7725558) 9.10 Words into Action (7354610) 9.30 Diez Ternas (648523) 9.45 You and Me (6480078) 10.00 Trinkabout Science (5273833) 10.15 Search Out Science (3929417) 10.35 Q & A (r) (9979417) 10.40 Around Science (392417) 10,35 U & 117 (375717) 12,35 Words Scotland (8914829). Northern Ireland: Ulster in Focus 11,90 Words and Pictures (4104981) 11,15 English Time (4604788) 11,35 Teaching Today (9817368) 12,05 TV6 (6849962) 12,30 Lifeschool (6205417) 12,55 España Viva (r) (8019078) 1,20 Pigean Street (r) (61956417) 1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (21589417) 1.40 Zig

2.00 News and weather (18036252) tollowed by You and Me: Dumpers and Diggers (70556146) (r)
2.15 Bitten by the Bug: From the Frying Pan into the Freezer. How

insects control their body temperature (70561610)

2.30 Reviving Antiques. How to clean tin and brass (2173851)

2.35 Country File. John Craven with rural issues (r) (3202702)

3.00 News and weather (4352523) followed by Westmins (6158900) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (8972165)
4.00 Catchword. Paul Cola hosts the word game (s) (726) 4.30 Town Portraits. Richmond in Yorkshire (r) (2971879)

4.40 Behind the Headlines. Linda Agran deals with emotional issues (5192271)5.10 Horizon: In Search of the Noble Savage (r). (Ceefax) (s)

(7844146) 6.00 Star Traic The Next Generation. Whoopi Goldberg me guest appearance in the space adventure series. (Ceefax) (249829)



The amazing powers of the brain investigated: Def II (6.50pm) 6.50 Def II: Reportage - Brain Power. Aminatta Forna looks at the

powers of the mind and the secret of the sixth sense (746097)
7.30 Def II: Rapido. Antoine de Caunes listens to gospel music and talks to Andrew Strong, singing star of The Commitments (639)

8.00 The Day the World Changed

CHOICE: Maintaining the bold visual style of the series, Terry

Braun's film features a contribution by Ngugi wa Thiong'o, the exiled Kenyan writer. His chosen date from world history is August 16, 1631. The background is the colonisation of his country by the Portuguese. At the end of the 16th century the Portuguese built a ton at Mombassa and imposed their rule. Early in the next century king Hasan of Mombassa strated to show resistance and was killed. His seven-year-old son, Yusuf, was deported to another Portuguese possession, Goa. The authorities tried to take away his African culture and turn him into a Portuguese, eventually returning him to Mombassa as a puppet king. The puppet turned out to be made of flesh and blood and rose heroically against his oppressors. It is a stirring tale, dramatically told (247165)

CHOICE: Anticipating the fiftieth anniversary of the fall of Singapore to the Japanese (St Valentine's Day, 1942), Kwai attempts to reveal the true story of the Burma-Siam "death railway". The fictional version was made by David Lean as The Bridge on the River Kwai. Had the film been anything like as sombre as the reality, cinemas would have stayed empty. The privations of the British and Australian prisoners of war forced to build the line are well known but lose nothing by repetition. As one of the Japanese soldiers puts it: "The workforce was not regarded as being made up of human beings. It was simply a machine, a way of getting the work done in time." Amid the brutality, hunger and disease, 26,000 Alied prisoners died. The film also pays tribute to the many thousands of Asian coolies who were treated even worse. The testimony of survivors is underscored with stark black-

and-white footage (266097) 9.00 Film: Rebel (1985). Musical romance starring Matt Dillon as an American deserter in Sydney during the second world war who betriends a nightclub singer. With Debbie Byrne and Bryan Brown. Directed by Michael Jenkins (s) (5900)

10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party (721691)

10.35 Newsnight with Peter Snow (893455)

11.20 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (757349) 12.00 Behind the Headlines (r) (89856) 12.30am Weather (3511498)

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1.29 Home and Away. Australian drama series. (Oracle) (61772691) 1.50 A Country Practice (s) (60749165) 2.20 Graham Kerr. Mini-max seed bread with reduced fat and

cholesterol (45989897) 2.50 Take the High Road (8357851) 3.15 ITN News headlines (4362900) 3.20 Thames News (4369813)

3.25 The Young Doctors (6628252)

3.55 Children's ITV: The Dreamstone. Cartoon (s) (9498417) 4.20 Finders Keepers. Video game show (4348639) 4.50 Owl TV. Michaels Strachan presents the children's wildlife and environmental programme (4688829)

5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers (6244726) 5.40 ITN News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (285879)

5.55 Themes Help with Jackie Spreckley (r) (837962) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (829)

6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (981)



The man to whom life is an open book Michael Aspel (7.00pm)

7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel opens his red book to reveal the

name of another unsuspecting calebrity (s) (3320)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (165)
8.00 The Match: Liverpool v Arsefial. Elton Welsby introduces live Barclays League football action from Anield. The commentators

Barclays League football action from Amieut. The commentations are Brian Moore and Kevin Keegan (s) (5252)

10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party (901287)

10.05 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather (769523) 10.35 Theses News (464894)

10.45 Film: Fright Night (1985). Special effects-laden horror film starring William Regodale as a teenager who is convinced that his new neighbour (Chris Sarandon) is a vampire. In desperation, he enists the last of a television beauty these (Forth), McDonall (1985). the help of a television horror show host (Roddy McDowall). Directed by Tom Holland (970504) 12.45em Film: Image of Death (1977). Australian-made thriller about an

amoral girl (Cathy Paine), whose uncanny resemblance to a wealthy former schoolfriend, leads tomurder. Directed by Kevin Dobson (947108)

2.15 America's Top Ten (s) (8082160) 2.40 Videotashion (5814295)

3.10 Carlz Hight. Ted Robbins hosts the pub and club quiz (86820856) 3.40 Stephen King's This is Horror. The world of special effects (1)

4.18 Along the Cotswold Way: Hawkesbury Upton to Wotton-under-Edge, Clive Gunnell climbs the 144 steps of the Somerset Monument (r) (75513978)
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Archive newsreel from January 1942

5.00 Witness to Survival. True stories about people struggling to

survive against the odds (46214) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neitson (77011). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 The Channel 4 Daily (6172368) 9.25 Schools (53883374)

12.00 The Perliament Programma (21981) 12.30 Rusiness Daily (40504) 1.00 Sesame Street, Early learning series (41287)

2.00 Fam: All That Money Can Buy (1941, b)w). Fantasy drams starring James Craig as an impoverished farmer with sells his soul starring James Craig as an impovenished termes who sells his soul to the devil (Walter Huston), and is detended at his "first" by lawyer Edward Arnold. Directed by William Bioteria (201897).

3.35 Elizabethan Express (D/W). The excitament of a steam rathery journey from London to Edinburgh (1) (3005287).

4.00 The Survival Factor. The Headbangers: Toyah Wilcox looks at 16 the great spotted woodpecker (r). (Talment) (894).

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman host the word

4.30 Countdown. Higher winnersy and Carol vorderman host the word game. With Philip Frank in the dictionary corner (s) (\$38).

5.00 The Oprah Winnery Stroke Pen Pal Maintage. Crash males pen pals to meet each other in the flesh (1561962). 5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon adventures (1) (825504) 6.00 Kate and Allie: The Band Singer. American comedy series about

two divorcess. Daughter Jennie auditions for a nock band (271)

6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Conversationand entertainment (s)

(523) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Telefext) (996165)

7.50 Party Political Comment by a Liberal Democrat (105455) 8.00 Brookside. Mersyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (5310) 8.30 Travelog. Pele McCarthy visits Vermont in the Pait and discovers

what makes Boston unique (s) (6417)

9.00 Dispatches. Christopher Hird reports on the business dealings of Hanson Trust, Britain's fifth largest company, whose financial success in the 1980s may not be repeated in the recession his



The battle of the corner store: Naveen Andrews (9.45pm)

9.45 He Play: The Frontier. Continuing the series of short plays by writers new to television. In Simon Beautroy's drama the livelihood of an Asian corner shopkeeper in Yorkshira is threatened by a supermarket. With Naveen Andrews (s) (590320)

10.00 The Golden Girls: Witness, Award-winning American comedy series about four mature women who share a house in Miam. Rose's poyfriend is on the run from the Maria. With Betty White.

(Teletext) (s) (22610) 10.30 The Secret Cabaret with Simon Drake, who presents a cocktail of magic, Rusion and fantasy (s) (11559).

11.08 Drop the Dead Donkey. Topical newsroom comedy-drama series. Gue (Robert Duncan) tries to make his brother grovel (r) (s)

11.30 The 291 Club. DJ Elayne and Miles Crawford introduce new acts

to an abrasive audience at London's Hackney Empire (r) (44928)-12.30am Tonight with Jonathan Ross (f) (s) (1712276) 12.55 Dick Spanner, Gerry Anderson's puppet series about a laid-back

private eye (3518301). Erids et 1.05

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gets in the way of a teenage frier (98047188)

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clement hunter (365523) 2.15 First Men in the Moon (1964): Adaptation of H.G. Wells's story of a clever

4.15 Platypus Cove: Fishing constructive

5.50 Spottight (342591) 6.15 The Tail T (1557): Western (251981) 8.15 Mission Impossible: The Gold

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12.15 Police Academy 6 (1989): Cop capers (81320)
2.00 Cold River (1982): Danger for teanagers in the wildemoses (21417)
4.00 The Advertigres of Sherlock Holmas's Smarter Brother (1975): Gene Wilder in Conen Doyle spool (85334287)
5.40 Entertainment Tomight (342726)
6.00 Bill and Ted's Excellent Advertige (1989): Two teansoners are transported back

country boy come to the bad city (46725)
10.00 Pick a Pick. To chose which film you would live to see, ring 0885 500127 How 1 Got Into College (1999): Kooky comedy (*1900): Look Who's Talking Kirefe Allen in

10.05 The Prophedies (1889): Setanic honor late (242784) 11.45 MacKenne's Gold (1989): Gregory Peck, Telly Sevales and Ower Sharil in Western adventure (2007/1504) 1.55em White Water Summer (1987): Brat packers tun back packers (459555) 3.30 King of the Gypales (436127). To 5.20. THE COMEDY CHANNEL

4.00pm Mr Ed (1271) 4.30 Petricont Junction (7455) 5.00 The New Leave it to Beaver (3813) 5.30 Greenacres (6707) 8.00 Hervis Lucy (8320) 6.30 F Troop (2900) 7.00 McHair's Lucy (8320) 6.30 F Troop (2900) 7.00 McHair's Nevy (4673) 7.30 The Addems Family (8184) 8.00 Till Death us do Pert (9087) 8.30 Doctor, Octor (8004) 9.00 Hogan's Harves (7647) 9.30 Herris Lucy (70894) 10.00 Guys 'N' Dolls (48436) 10.30 The Addems Family (85184) SKY SPORTS

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News briefing, incl 6.39
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
8.25 Prayer for the Day 5.30
Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 8.55, 7.55
Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.40
Yesterday in Parliament
58 Weather
10 News

9.00 Naws 9.05 Midweek, with Terry Jones of Monty Python; journalist John Darmond; and Gordon Haycock, an undertaker 10.00-10.30 Wilko's Weekly (FM only): Tony Wikinson visits the

of 6) (s) 10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible (LW only) David Suchet reads from the Psalms

numan mand with Professors Richard Dawkins, David Hubel and Isaac Marks (9 of 12) 9.25-5.00am Test Match Special (MW only): New Zealand v England. The first day of play in the second Test from Airchand

9.30 French Song (FM only): Laurence Dale, tenor, and Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform Debussy (Cinq poèmes de Baudelaire): Poulenc (Montparnasse Rosemonde, Bleuet; La

10.25 Music in Our Time (FM only): Justin Connolly on the 199 World Music Days in Zurich. Gerald Brophy (Shiver: IGNIV Ensemble, Basel under Jurg Henneberger, with Linda Maria Akerlund, mezzo); Harry Suilamo (Noun, Christoph Jaggin, guitar); Shinwoo Lee (Space: Philippe Recne, flute; Ernesto Molinari, clarinet, Danielle Cholette, piano); Younghi Pagh Paan (AA-GA 1.

Tobies Moster, cello); Françis Alt-Sade (String Cuartet Minguel Quartet) (2 of 2) 11.30 News (FM only) 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week (FM only): Berlioz (La Captive; Chanson de Brigands, Lelio; Harold in Italy) (Irl

recording leatures Rudolf Serkin (piano), Jakme Laredo, Philip Naegele and Julius Levine
4.00 Choral Evensong: live from King's College, Cambridge
5.00 Debu Chaudhuri, sitar, performs Raga Paldeep with Prateek Chaudhuri, second star; Manjusree Chaudhuri, tambura; and Anshis Seporatha tekle (A)

Sengupta, tabla (r) Mainly for Pleasure: with Valentine Cunningham 5.30 Ma 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear Michael Billington

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7.30 BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk plays Sibelius (En Sega); Xenakis (Shaar); Shavinsky (Petruschka)
8.45-9.25 What's the Bug Idea? (FM only What's the Bug Idea? (FM only What's the forging of the human mand with Professors Durbard Dawkins Dawid Hubbl.

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Tobias Moster, cello); Françis

powers, albeit non-professionally, and also offers a glimpse or two of his early days at Cambridge (4 of 6) 2.47 An Englishmen in the Mids in 1.00 Night School (FM only) (Not Scotland)

People (45969887) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (791078) 8.00 Northern Life (829) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (981) 12.45am Loose Carnon (4174585) 1.40 Donahue (6125189) 2.35 ChremAttractions (4444818) 3.00 Film: Yesterday's Tomorrow (62547) 5.00 Short Story Theatre (2964943) 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder (6275653) ULSTER (1726) 5.30 Brookside (558) 6.00 No

As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters (80749185) 2.20-2.50 Roman on the Road (45989897) 3.25-3.55 Who's the Boss? (6528252) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away Bosa? (6628252) 5.10-5.40 Home and Awey (5244728) 8.00 Ser Tonight (230417) 8.20 Police Sir (466623) 8.30-7.00 Highdays and Otherdays (981) 12.45cm Loose Cennon (4174586) 1.40 Donahue (6125189) 2.35 CiremAttractions (4444818) 3.00 Film: Yesterday's Tomorrow (82547) 5.00 Short Story Theatre (2365285) 6.15-9.30 Jobfender (2943450)

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features on multiple births and

women advising President Mitterand, incl 11.00 News 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time Clay Jones and experts visit

12.25pm Appointment with Venus

1.00 The World at One 1.35 Party Political Broadcast by

the Labour Party

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News, The Memoirs of Sheriock Holmes: The Gloria

● CHOICE: No wonder

Holmes (in The Sussex

Vamore) belittled Watson's

biographical efforts (in The Giona Scott) to make

something Holmesian out of today's bloodthursty tale of

darty work on the high seas.

The truth is that in no other story does Holmes do so little. That said, Gloria Scott is

important to Holmes students because it records the very first occasion that the sleuth

demonstrated his deductive

Adaptation of Jerrard Tickell's

Channel Islands (4 of 4) (5) (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours

the first of six programmes, John P. Harris talks about living in a village in the south of France (r) 3.00 News; File on 4: Reports on major issues in the news (r) 3.42 The Parts: With Carol Voyserman

4.05 Kaleidoscope: Includes an interview with the French director, Maroun Bagdads and the author William Bedford; reviews of Tony Carter's exhibition at the Imperial War Museum and the weeks' films; and Orphia Robinson and Joe Bashorun play jazz (s)
4.45 Short Story: Yellow Moepels, by Herman Charles Bosman. A Boer consults a witchdoctor about the future (r)

about the future (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shapping .55 Weather 8.00 News

with Ned Sherrin (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts (FM only): John Wartes in Colsterworth in Lincolnshire (r) 7.45 Voices in the Cold Wind Myths and legends from the

Arctic Circle (4 of 6) 7.20-8.00 Woman's Hour (LW only) 8.00 Medicine Now (r) 8.30 Batty Down Under: Australian talk about their rather mixed feelings towards bets 8.00 Protestors for Paradise: An

Redhead examines the career of John Bunyan (5 of 10) (s) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather

18.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The South, by Colin Tolbin, Read by Maureen O'Brian (6 of 8)

11.00 Murder Most Foul: The Perfect Murder? Elizabeth Barlow was found demand to be the

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found drowned in her bath in May 1957. She showed signs of having been drugged but no trace of any substance could be found. Had someon committed the prefec nurder? (3 of 6) (s) (r)

11.30 Today in Parlament 12.00-12.43em News, and 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m,1089kHz/275m,FM-97,6-99,8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/- 247m, FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m,FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m, LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8 GLR: 1458kHz/266m; FM 94.9; World Service; MW 648kHz/463m.

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6.00em Showcase (5547310) 10.00 A Summer Place (1959): Romance and adultary in Maine (78638707) 12.15 Police Academy 6 (1989): Cop

6.00 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1999): Two teansgers are transported back through time (34981): Patrick Swayze as a country boy come to the bad city (46726)

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FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 8.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates.
12:30pm Novesbeat 12:45 Gary Ouries Seys:
Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Altismoon 5:30 News 92:6:00 Neale James 7:30
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Campbel Case into the Night 12:00-4:00am Bob Hards (FM antly) Featuring Mary Black and

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm, 6.00em World Service: Newsdeck 6.30

Monthing Edition 9.00 For Schools: Topic services 7.9 9.15 Active Science 9.35 Verse Universe 9.45 Time and Tune 10.05 Drama

Snow Report (\$30084):7.00 The Pinerica's Cup (71435) 8.00 Sky Soccer Classic (\$4900):10.00 Superbowl: IOVI (\$52725). 1,00em The America's Cup (\$4185):2.00. (Kick (14450) gers are merconed (185165) on Desperate for Love (1989): A girl EUROSPORT 3.50 Chicago Joe And The Showgirt. (1989): Wartime romantic thritter (671363).

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